

# Who Has Seen the WIMP? Neither You Nor I.

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Who has seen the wind?

Neither I nor you.

When the leaves hang trembling

The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?

Neither you nor I.

When the trees bow down their heads

The wind is passing by.

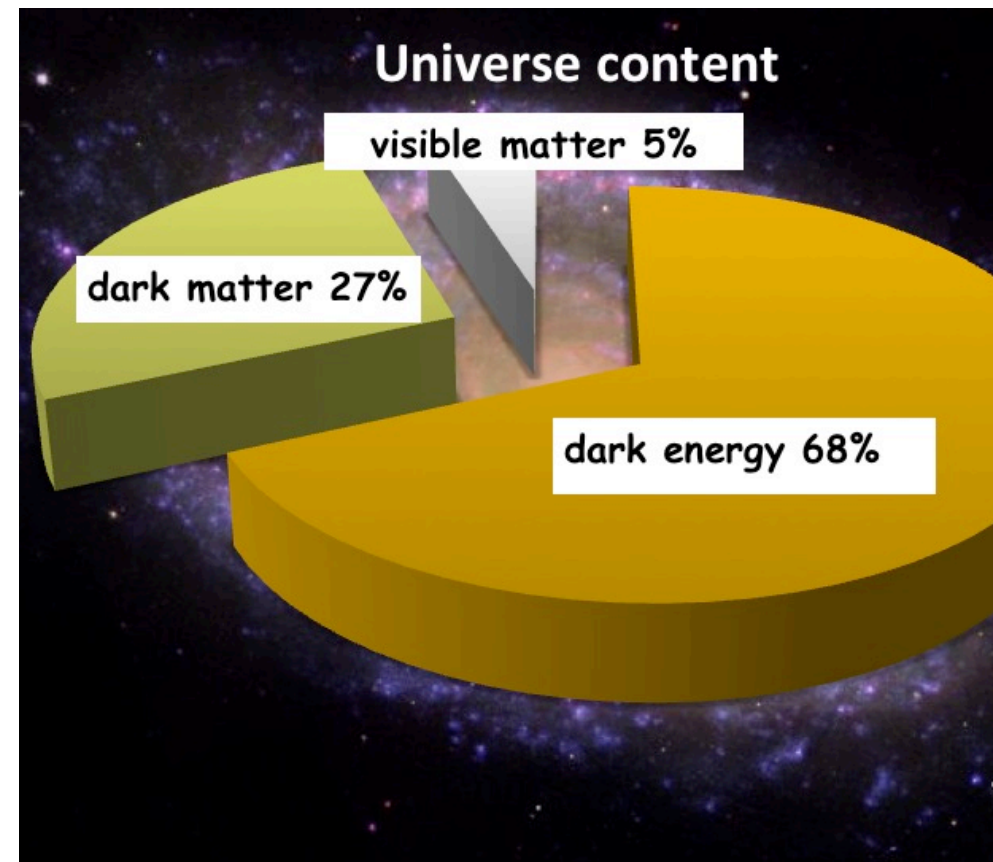
*by Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894*

Higgs particle has been discovered, the last piece of the Standard Model

As successful as it has been, the Standard Model describes only 5% of the universe. The remaining 95% is in the form of dark energy and dark matter, whose fundamental nature is almost completely unknown.

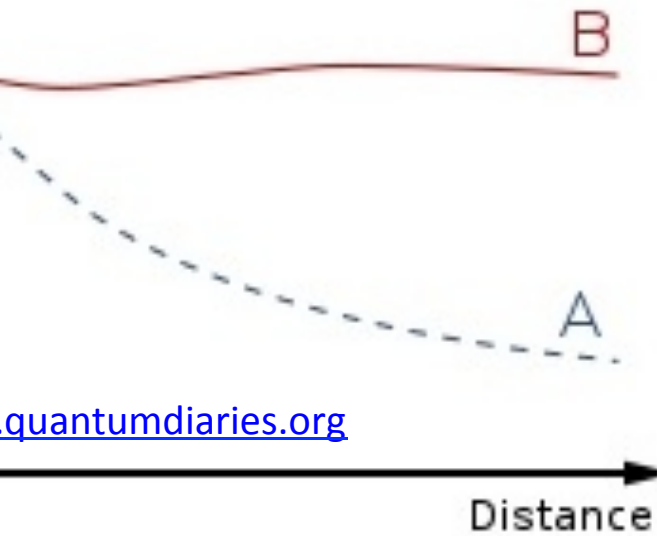


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## Galaxy rotation curves



## Gravitational lensing



## The cosmic microwave background

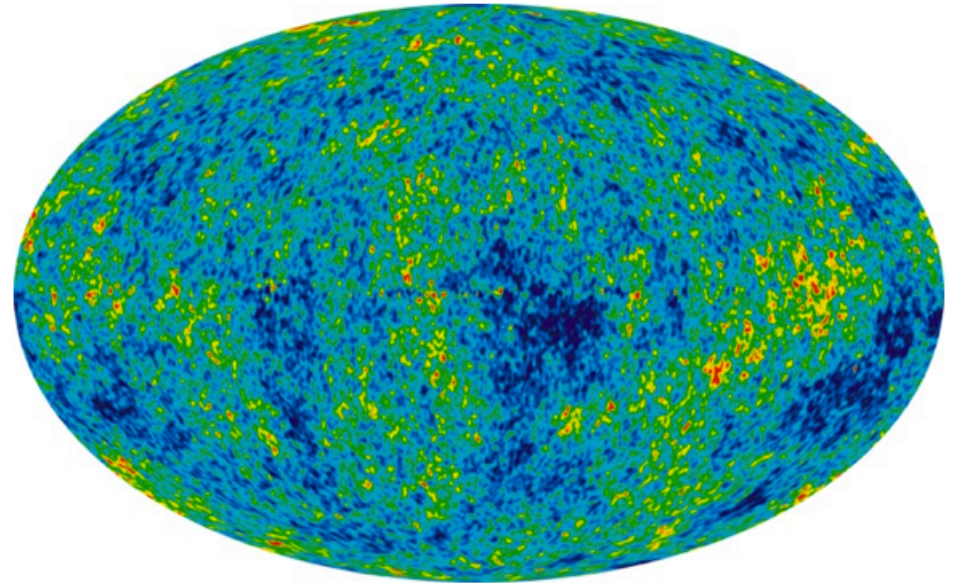
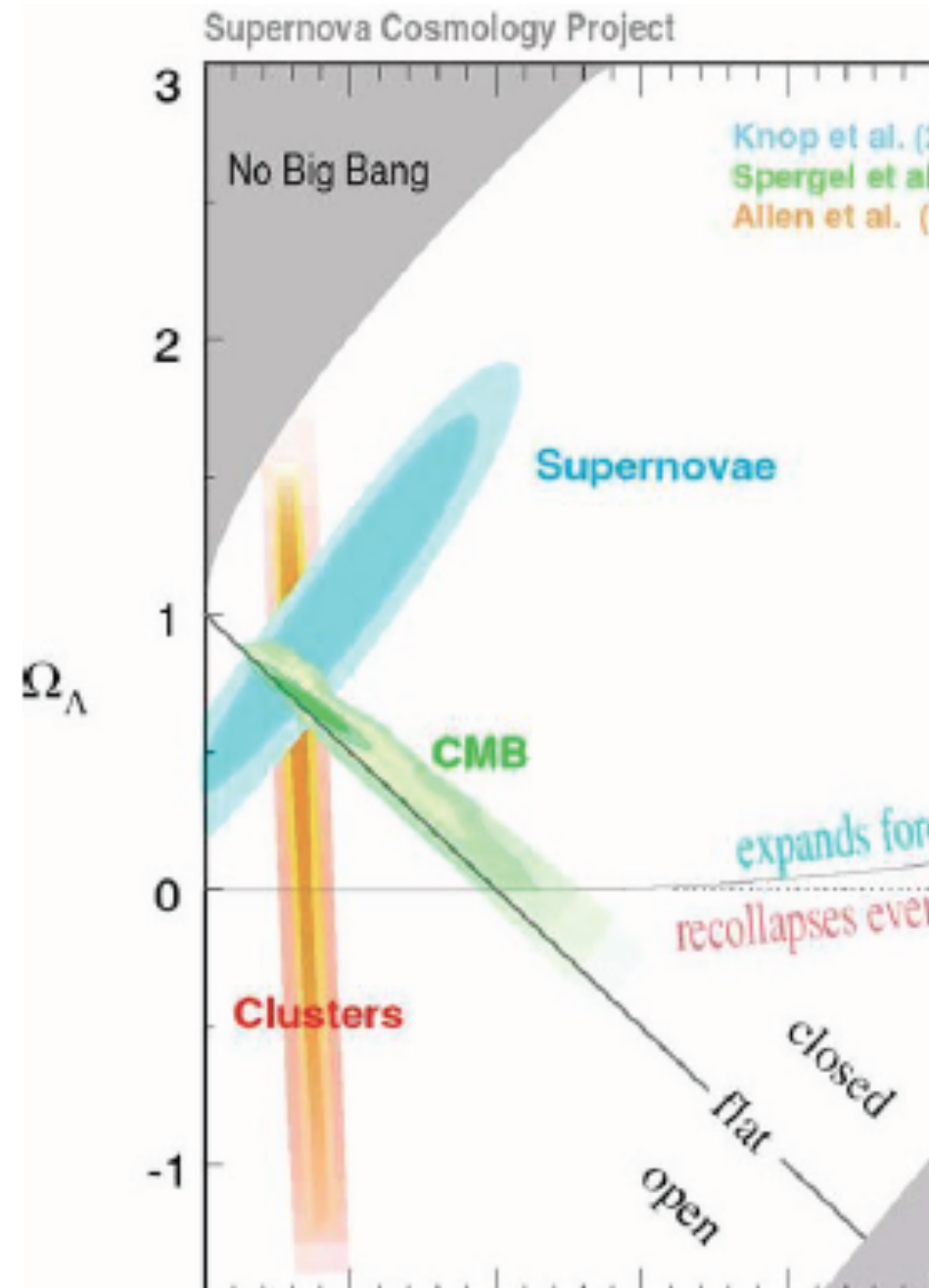
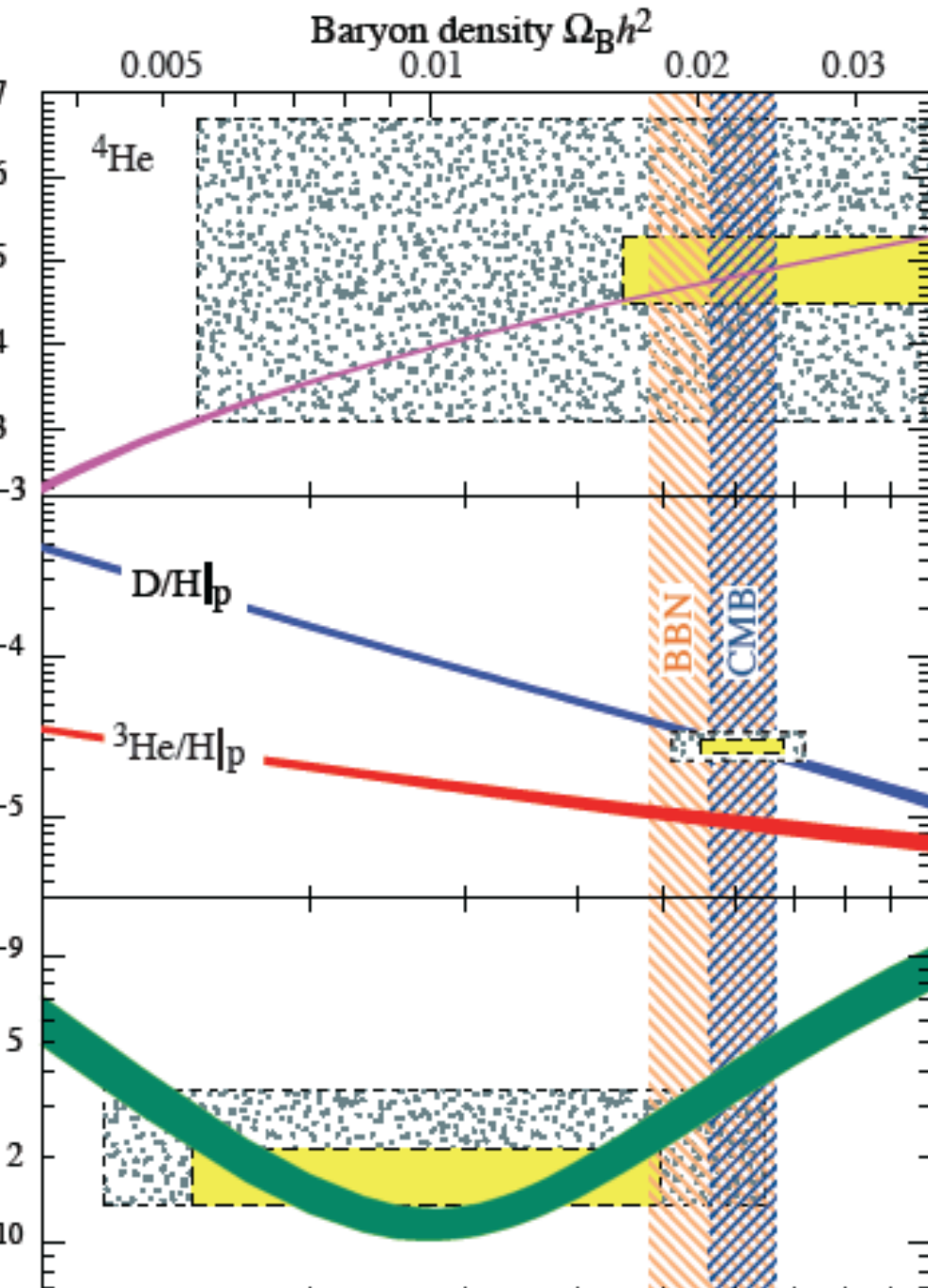


Image: ESA and the Planck collaboration

- 27% of the energy composition of the universe
- Properties:
- Stable and electrically neutral
- Non-baryonic
- Non-relativistic
- Estimated local density:  $0.3 \pm 0.1 \text{ GeV} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$
- Candidates: WIMPs, axions, dark photons,



Nucleosynthesis determines the density of baryons at early times; the amount of baryonic matter required is far smaller than the total quantity of matter.



particle that only very weakly interacts with ordinary matter  
form **Cold Dark Matter**

formed in massive amounts in the Big Bang.

non-relativistic freeze-out. Decouples from ordinary matter.

Would exist today at densities of about  $1000/\text{m}^3$ .

Supersymmetry provides a natural candidate – the **neutralino**.

Lightest mass superposition of photino, zino, higgsino

Masses range from the proton mass to thousands of times the proton mass.

Wide range of cross-sections with ordinary matter, from  $10^{-40}$  to  $10^{-50} \text{ cm}^2$ .

Electrically neutral and stable!

**Extra Dimensions:** predicts stable Kaluza-Klein (KK) particles

Similar direct detection properties as neutralino



# Theories of Dark Matter



WIMPless DM

Interacting DM

Technibaryons

Asymmetric DM

Warm DM

Axion DM

mSUGRA

pMSSM

R-parity Conserving

Dirac DM

Gravitino DM

Supersymmetry

Q-balls

Topological DM

Quark Nuggets

T-odd DM

UED DM

6d

5d

RS DM

Extra Dimensions

Little Higgs

# including the Milky Way

density at Earth:  $\sim 300 m_{\text{proton}} / \text{liter}$

$v_{\text{IMP}} = 100 \text{ GeV}$ , then 3 WIMPs / liter (!)

galactic orbital velocity = 230 km/sec

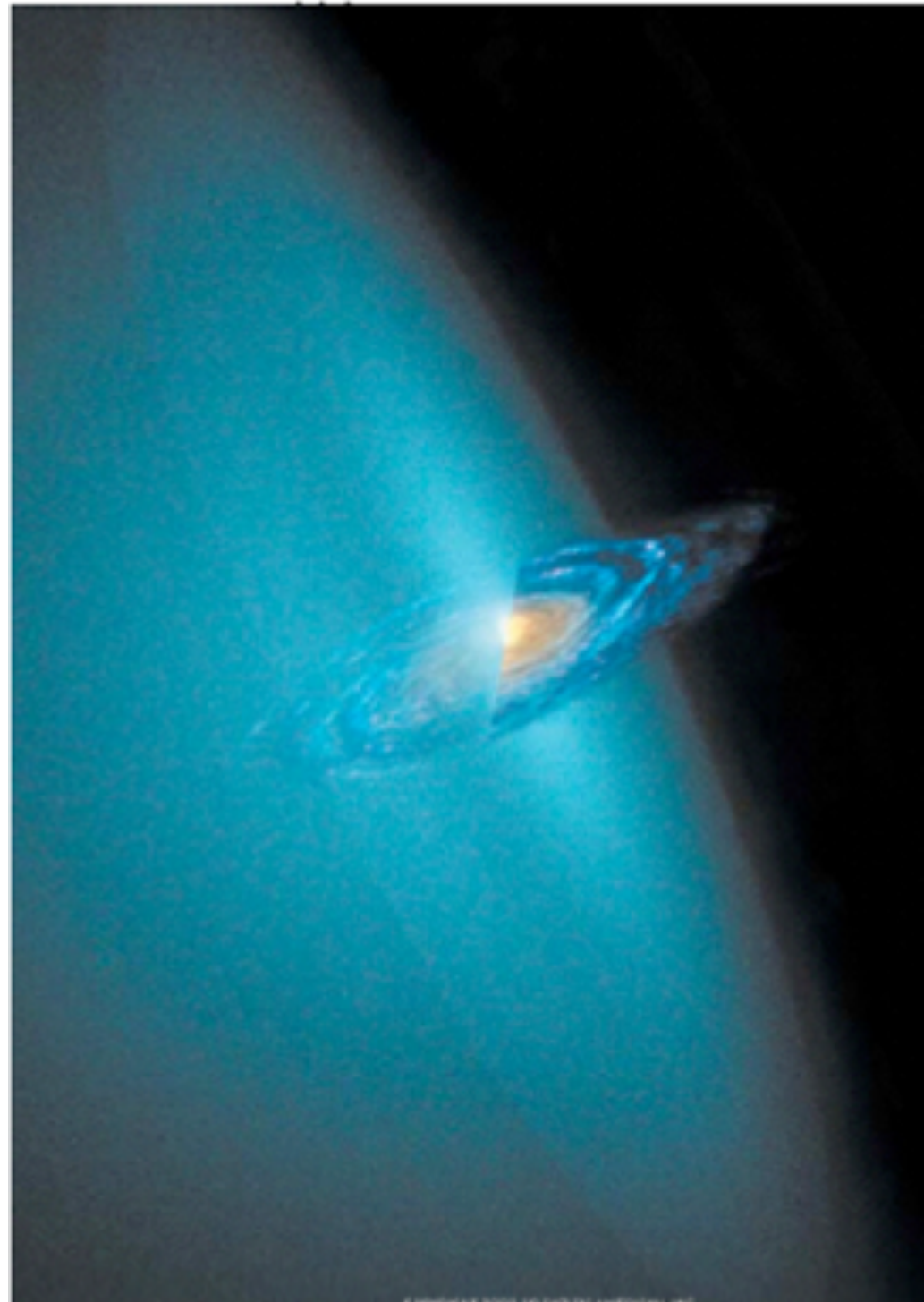
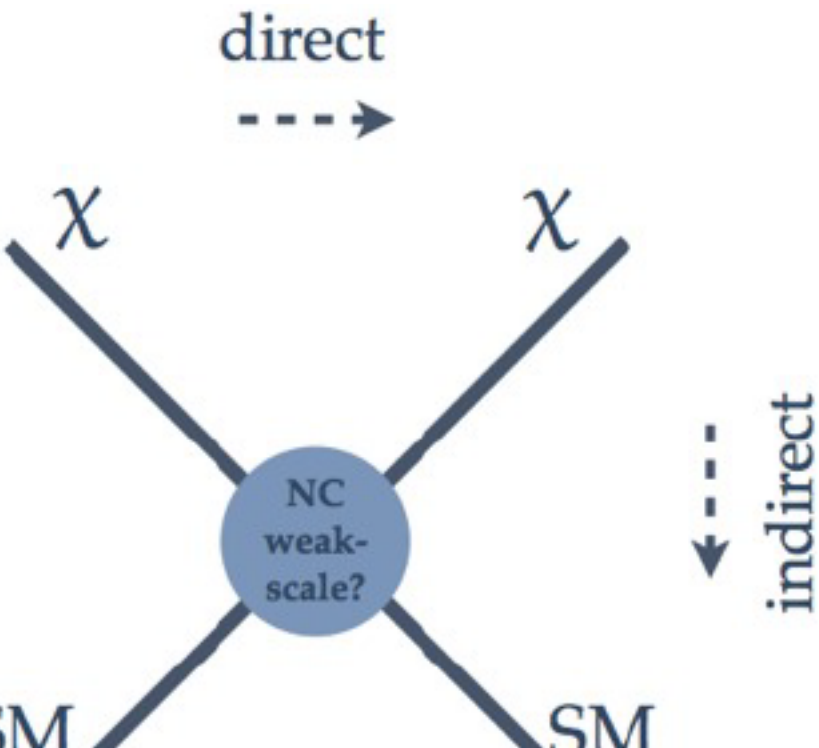
$v = 1/1000$  speed of light

de Broglie wavelength is larger than nucleus:

coherent scalar scattering on ordinary  
nuclear matter

cross section  $\sim A^2$

$\ll 1 \text{ event/kg/(1000 days)}$





for anomalous nuclear recoils in a low-background detector.  
 $\rho < \sigma v$ . From  $\langle v \rangle = 220$  km/s, get order of 10 keV deposited

Requirements:

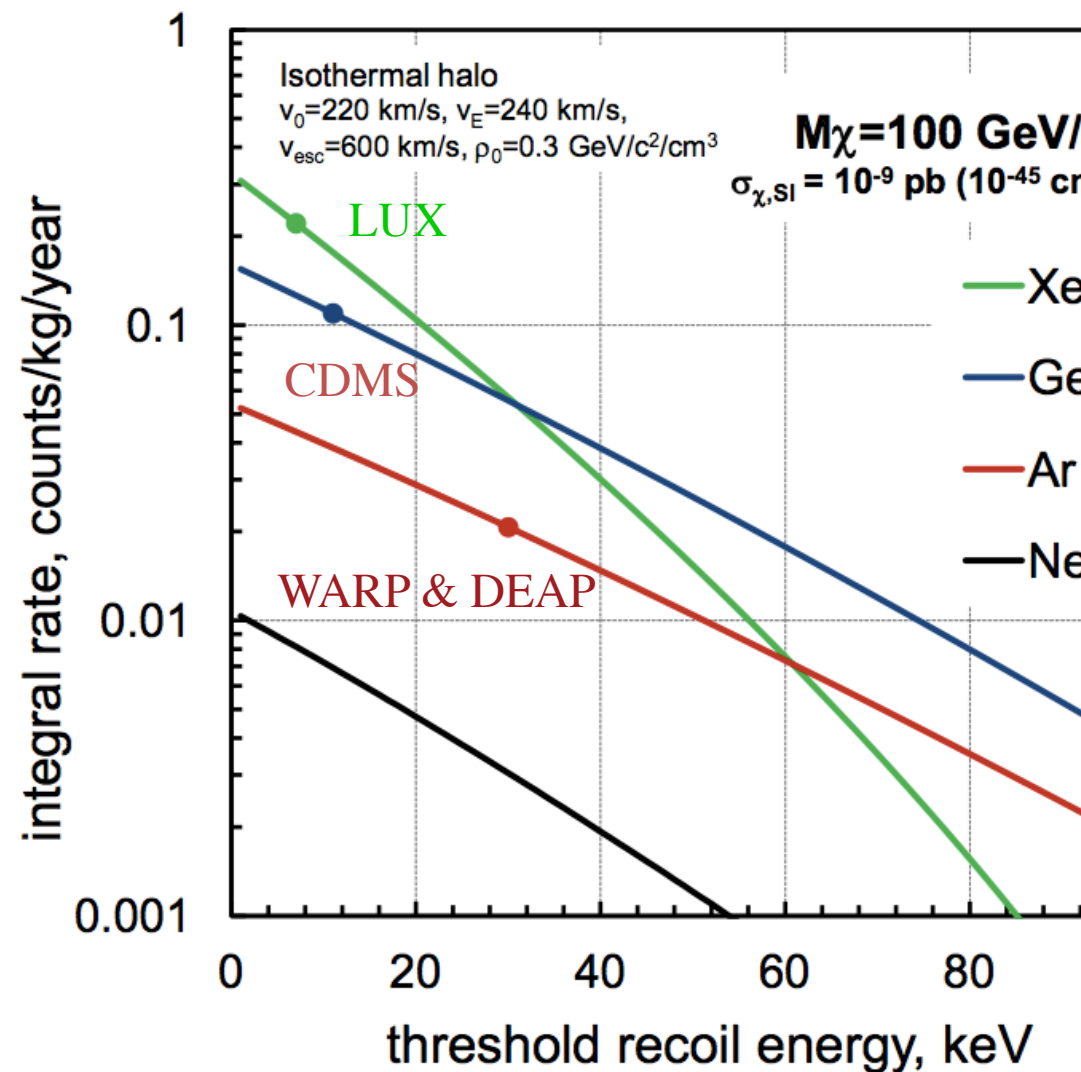
low radioactivity

low energy threshold

gamma ray rejection

stability

deep underground laboratory





# The Noble Liquid Revolution

e liquids are relatively inexpensive, easy to obtain, and dense

ly purified

- low reactivity
- impurities freeze out
- low surface binding
- purification easiest for lighter noble liquids

ation electrons may be drifted through the heavier noble liquids

high scintillation yields

- noble liquids do not absorb their own scintillation
- 30,000 to 40,000 photons/MeV
- modest quenching factors for nuclear recoils

y construction of large, homogeneous detectors

# Liquid Noble Gases: Basic Properties

- Dense and homogeneous
- Do not attach electrons, heavier noble gases give high electron mobility
- Easy to purify (especially lighter noble gases)
- Inert, not flammable, very good dielectrics
- Bright scintillators

Liquid density (g/cc)	Boiling point at 1 bar (K)	Electron mobility (cm <sup>2</sup> /Vs)	Scintillation wavelength (nm)	Scintillation yield (photons/MeV)	Long-lived radioactive isotopes	Triplet mol lifetime (μs)
0.145	4.2	low	80	19,000	none	13,000,000
1.2	27.1	low	78	30,000	none	15
1.4	87.3	400	125	40,000	<sup>39</sup> Ar, <sup>42</sup> Ar	1.6
2.4	120	1200	150	25,000	<sup>81</sup> Kr, <sup>85</sup> Kr	0.09
3.0	165	2200	175	42,000	<sup>136</sup> Xe	0.03

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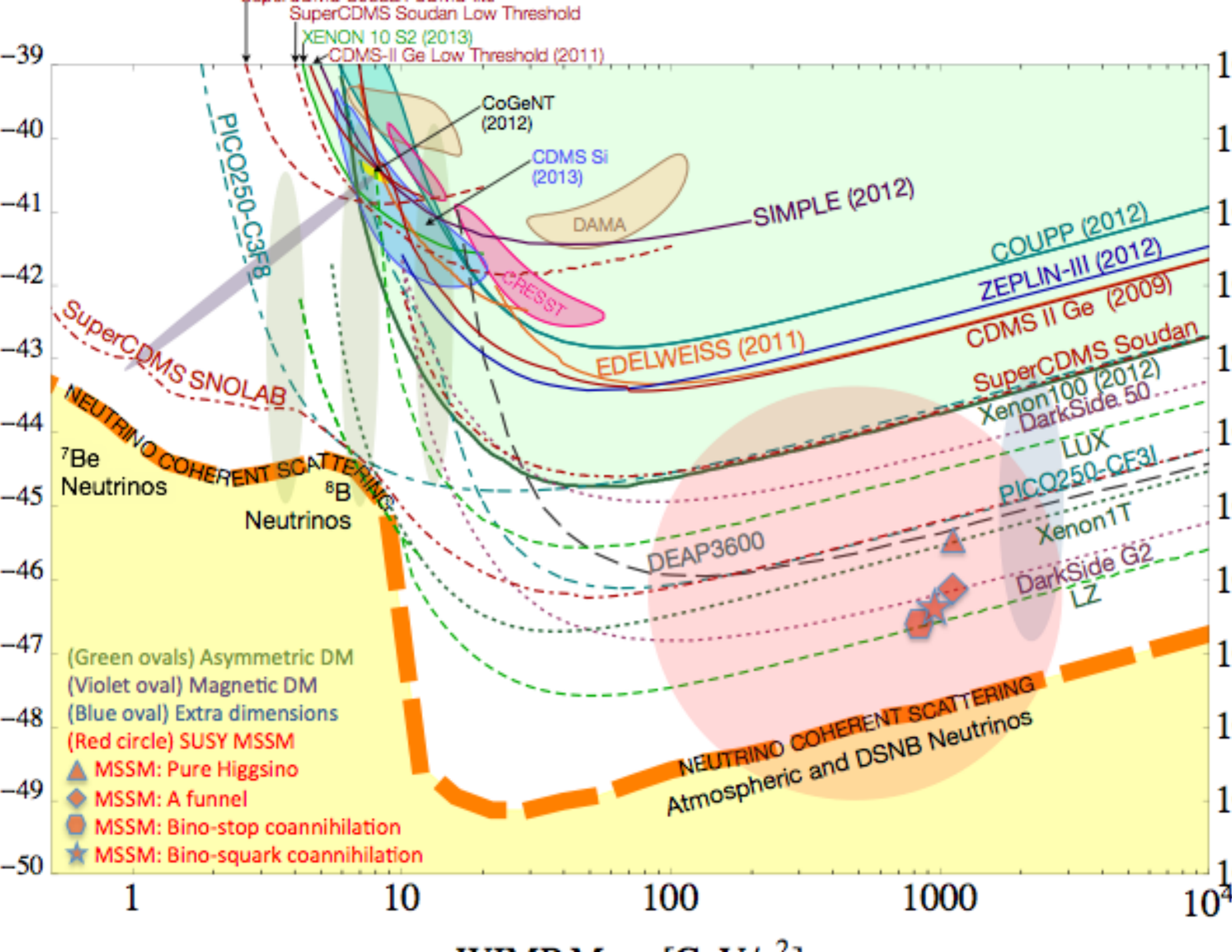
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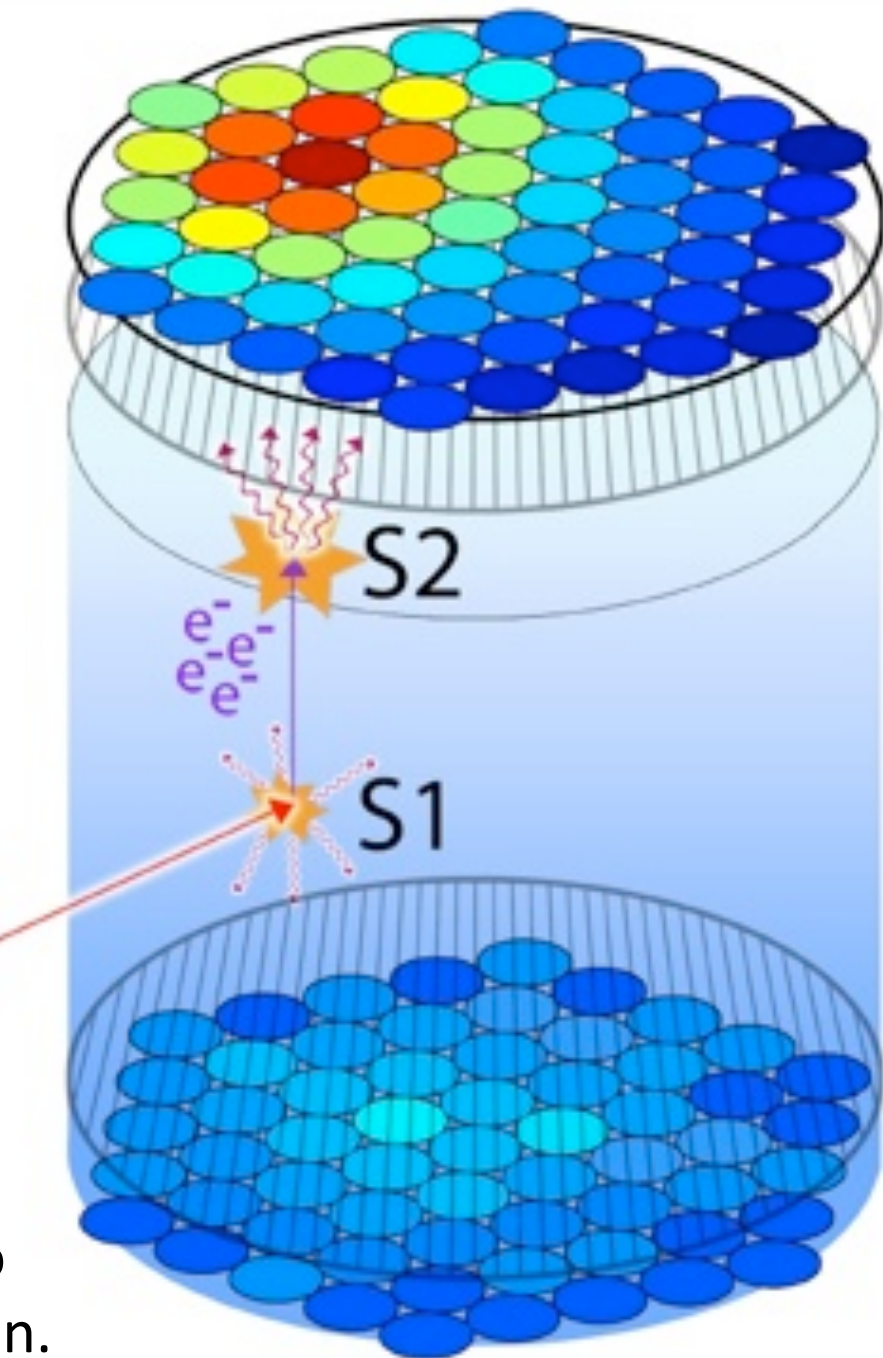
on from S1 – S2 timing  
positions from S2 light pattern

ent 3D imaging (~mm resolution)  
- eliminates edge events  
- rejects multiple scatters

a ray, neutron backgrounds  
d by self-shielding

Particle

gammas, betas by charge (S2) to  
(S1) ratio. Expect > 99.5% rejection.

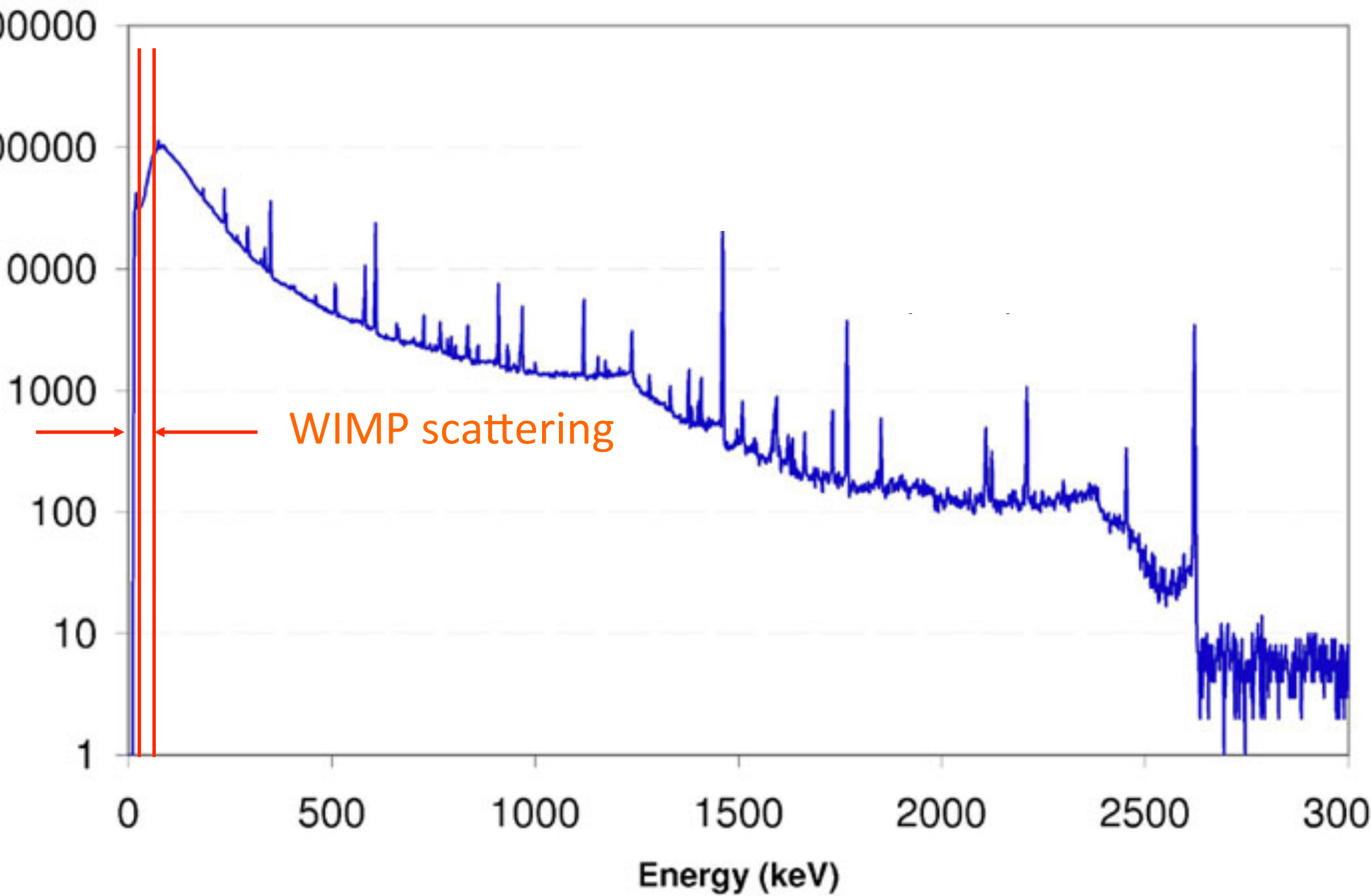


ionization electrons  
UV scintillation photons (~175 nm)





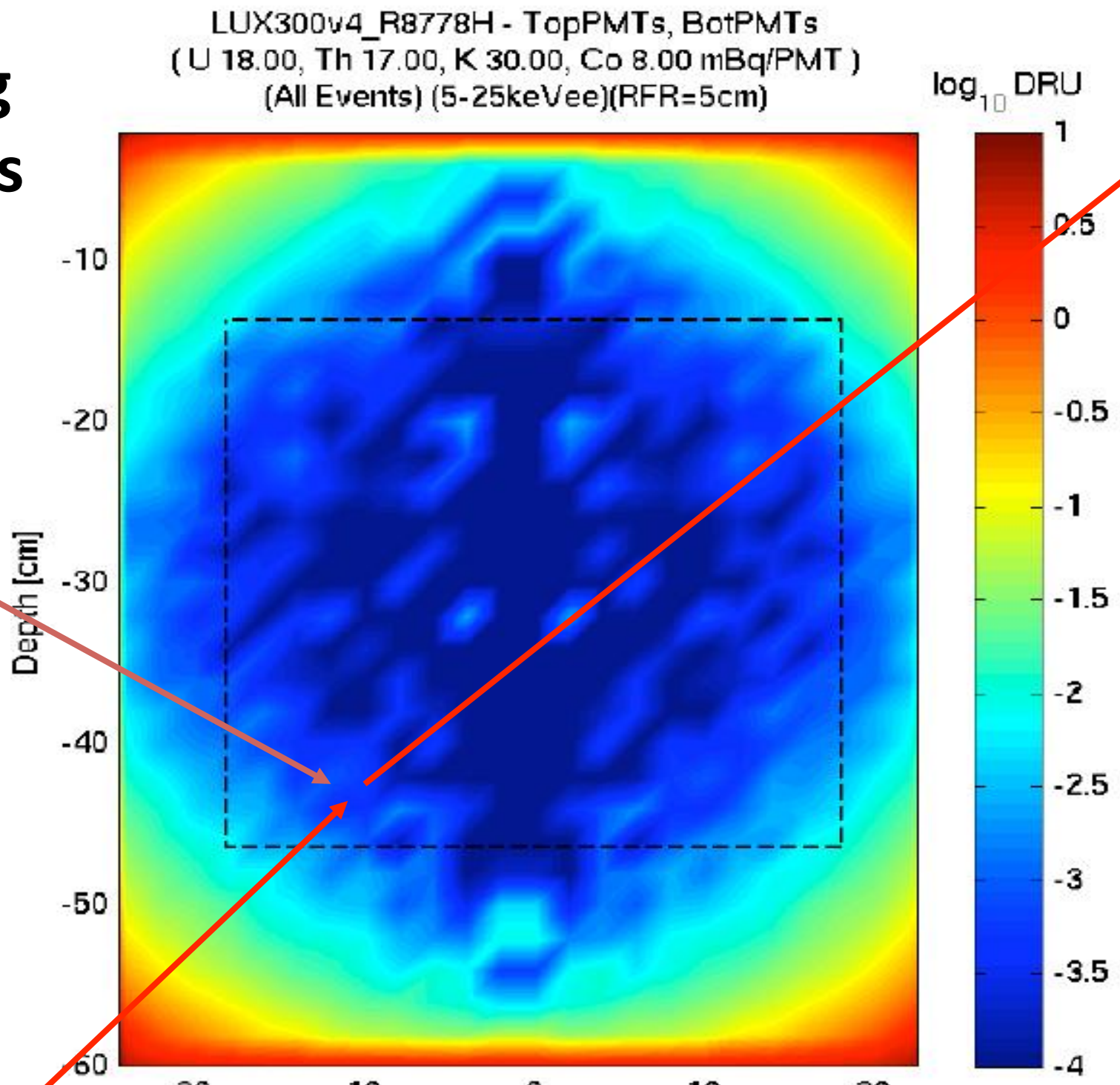
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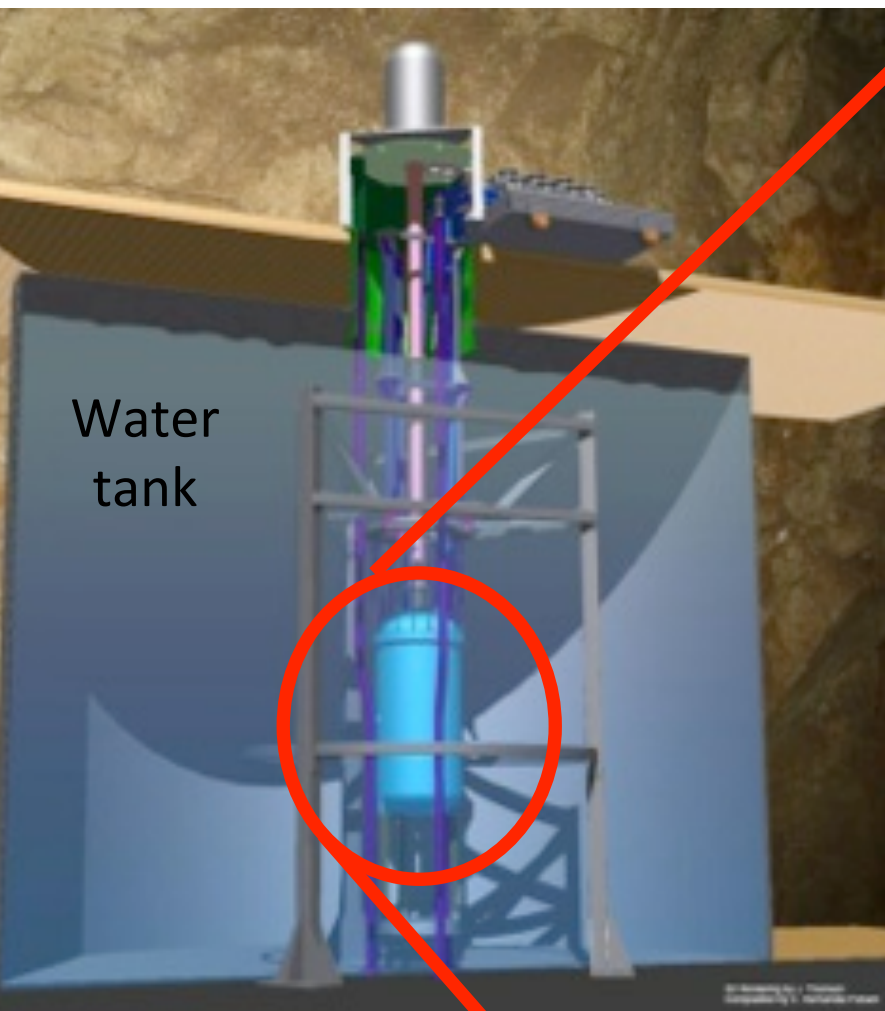
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shielding  
that makes  
X work

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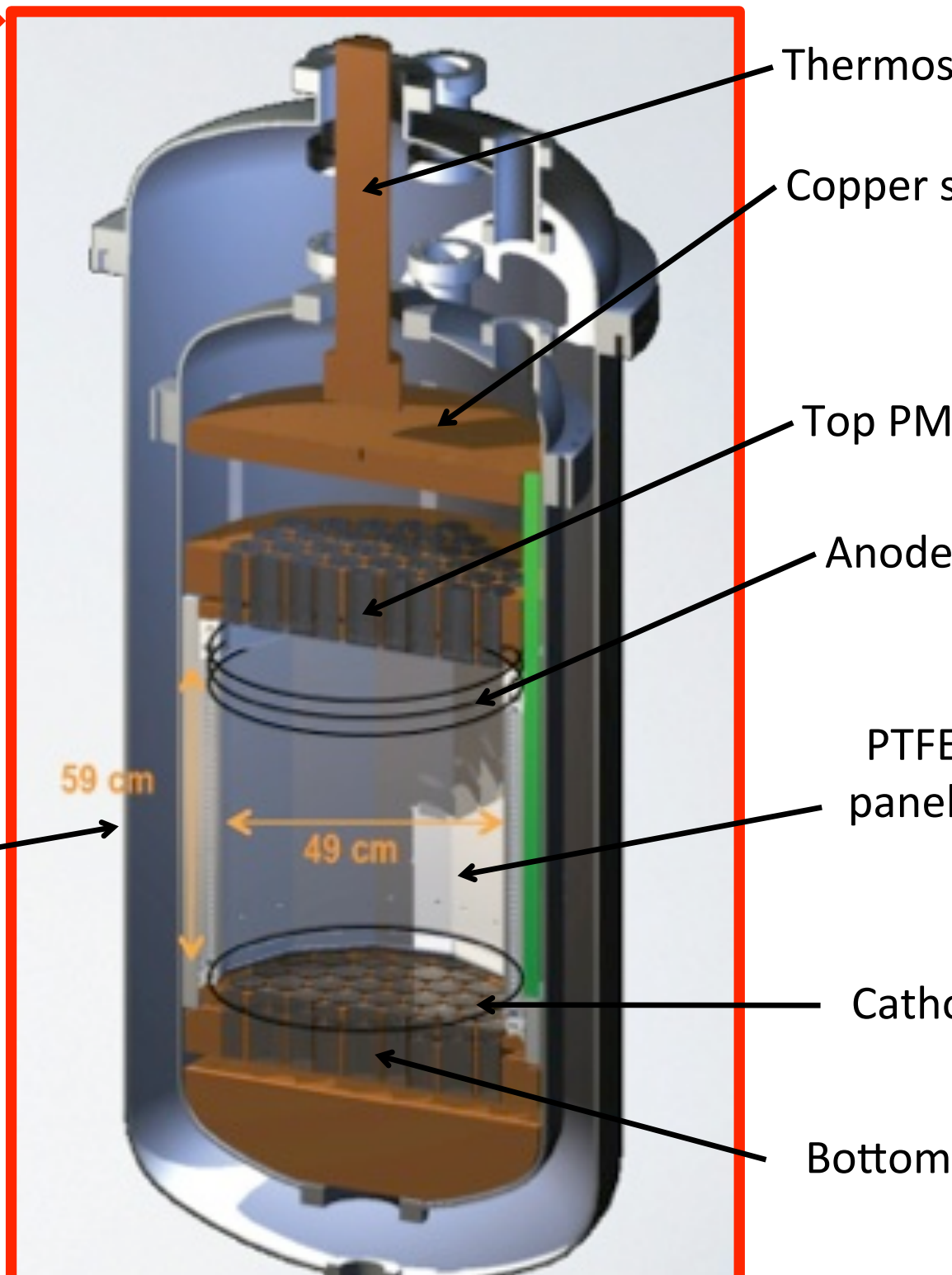


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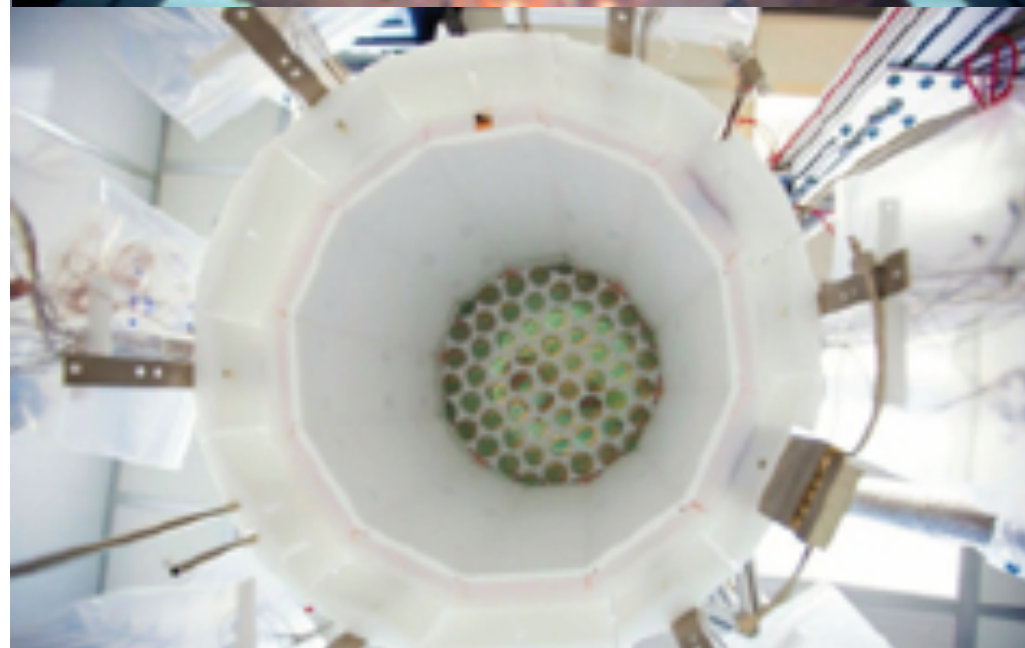
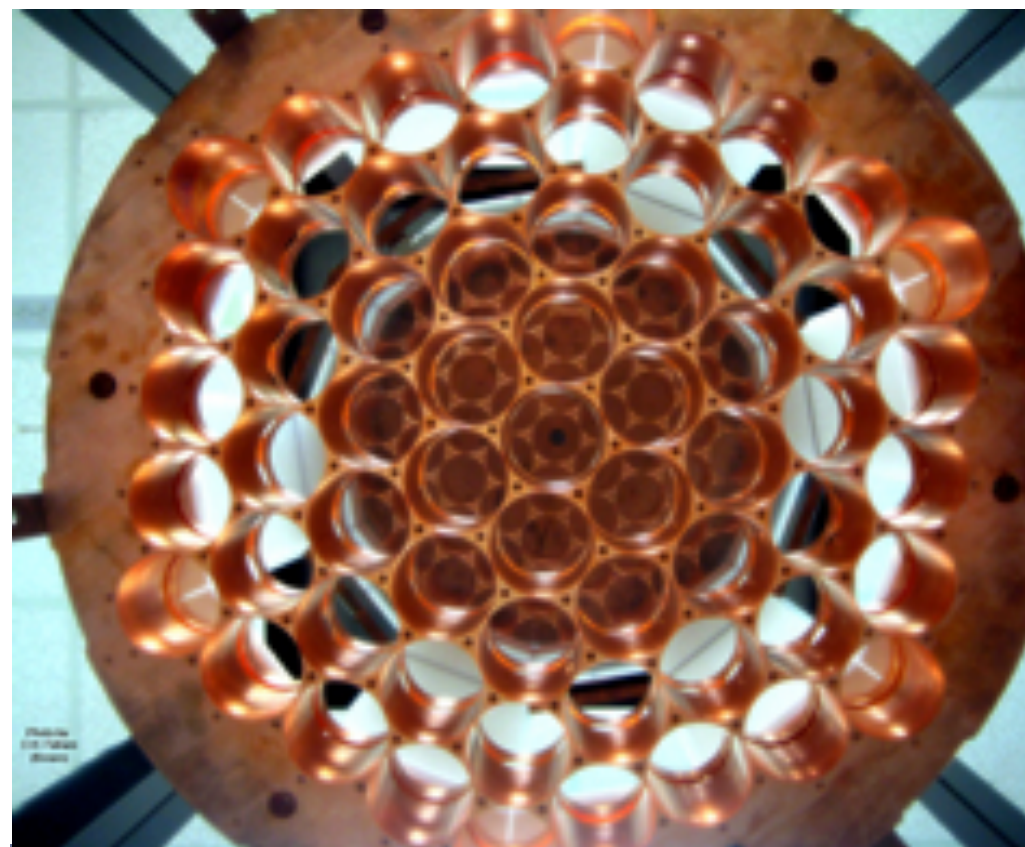
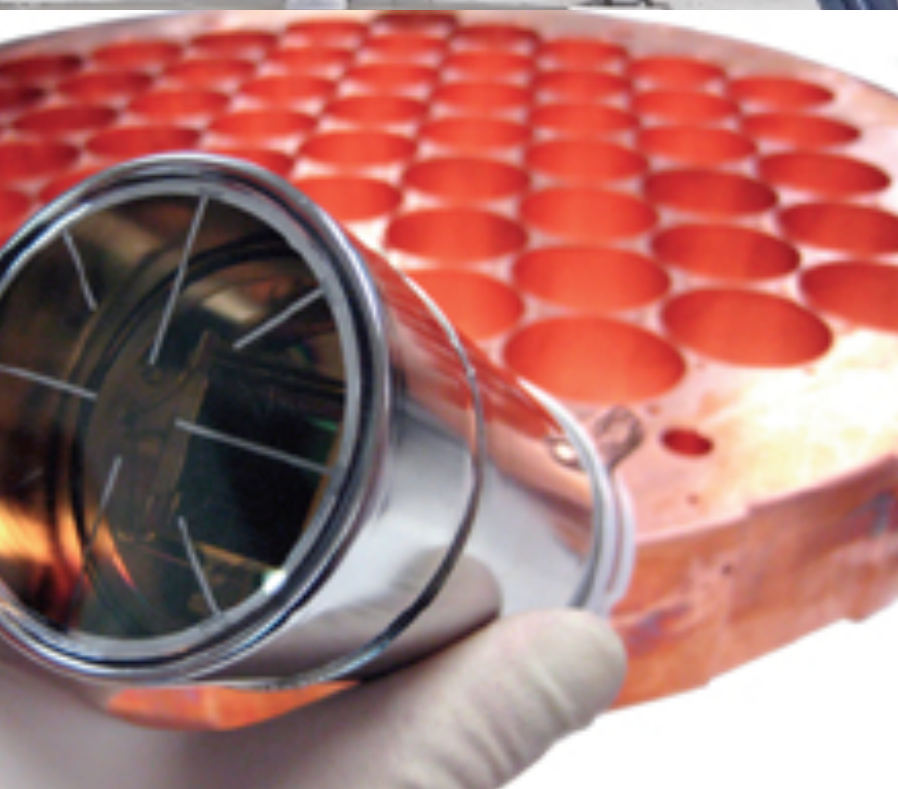


Low-radioactivity  
titanium Cryostat

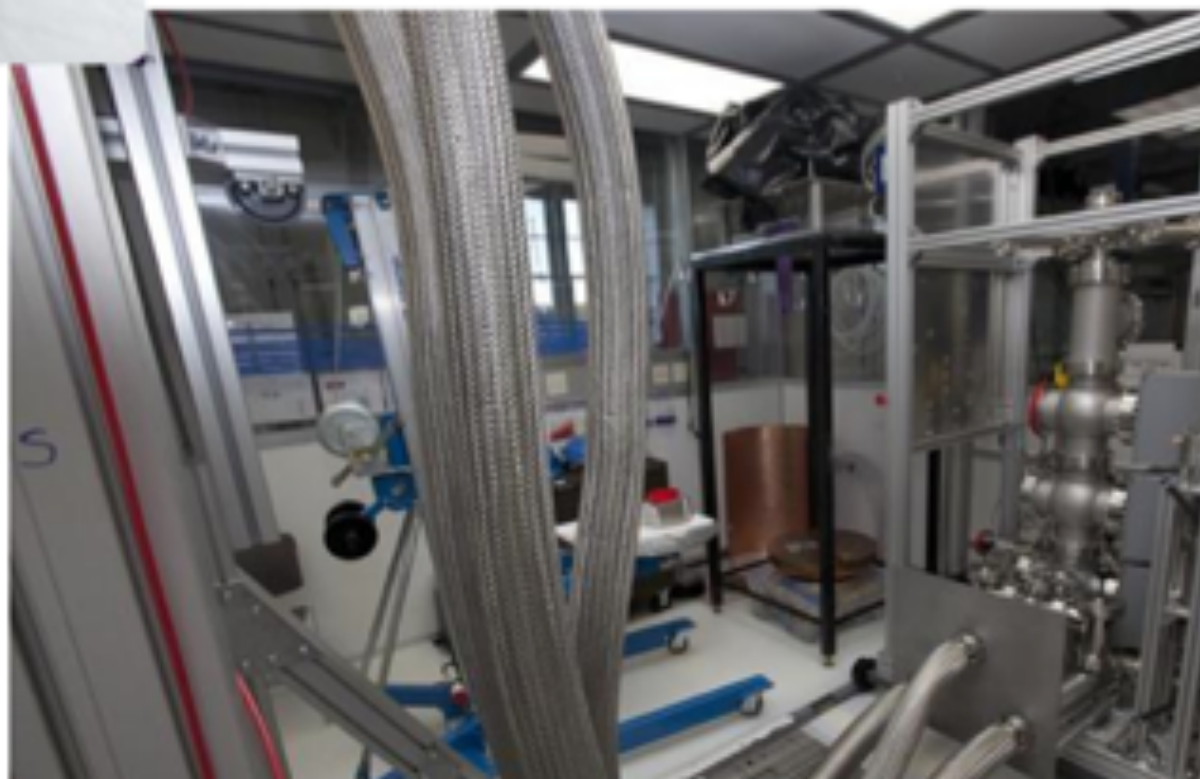
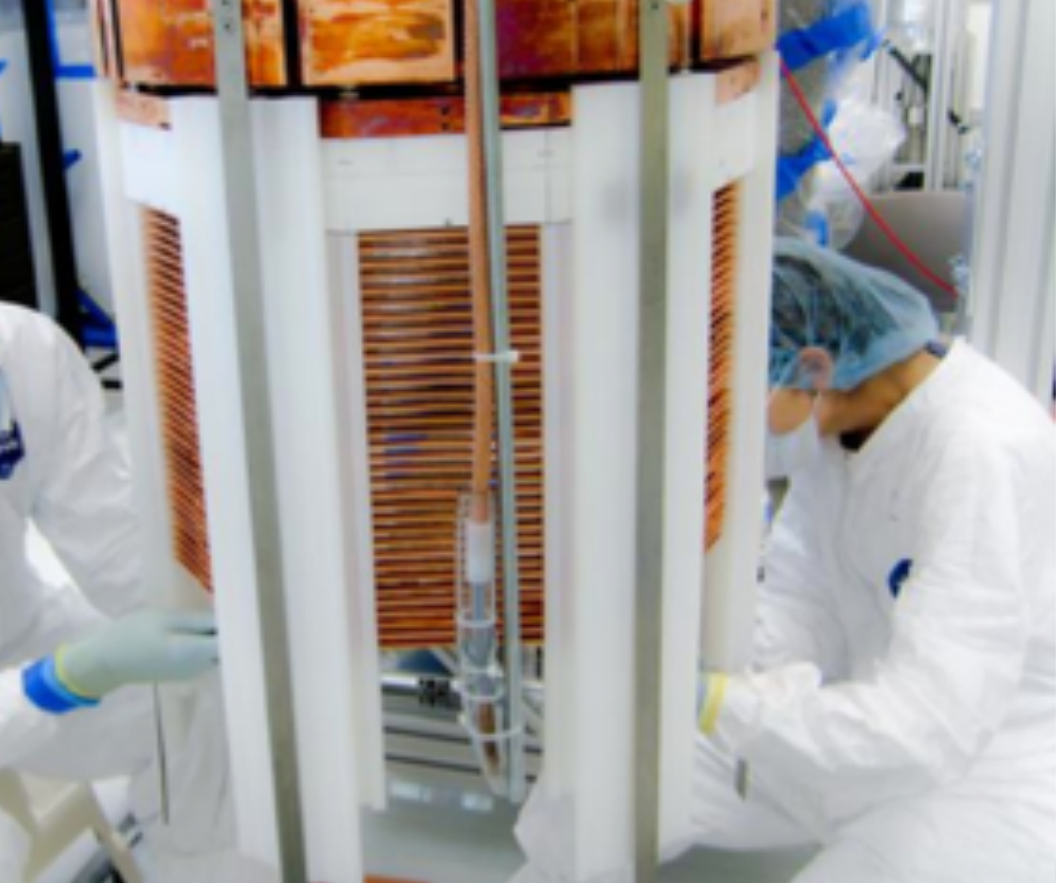
g total xenon mass  
g active liquid xenon  
g fiducial mass









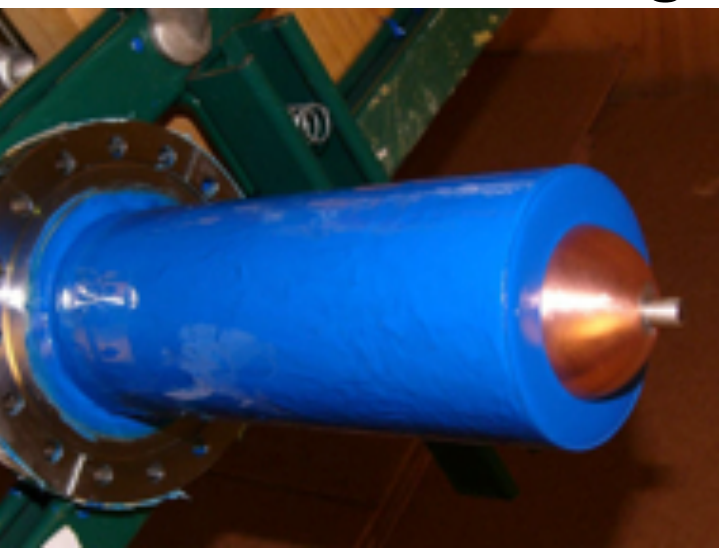




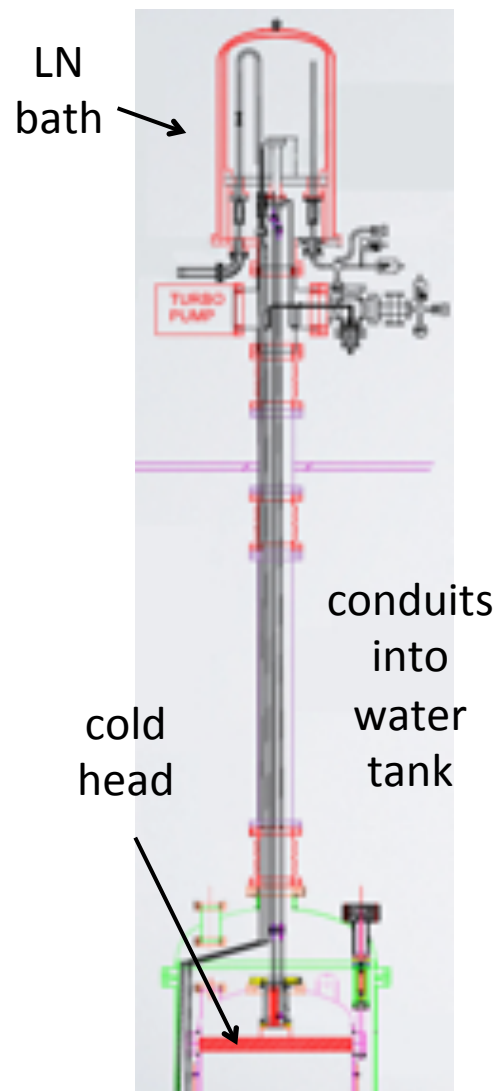
n gas handling and sampling



thode HV feedthrough



Thermosyphon  
cryogenics



LUX Thermosyphon

Xe storage and r





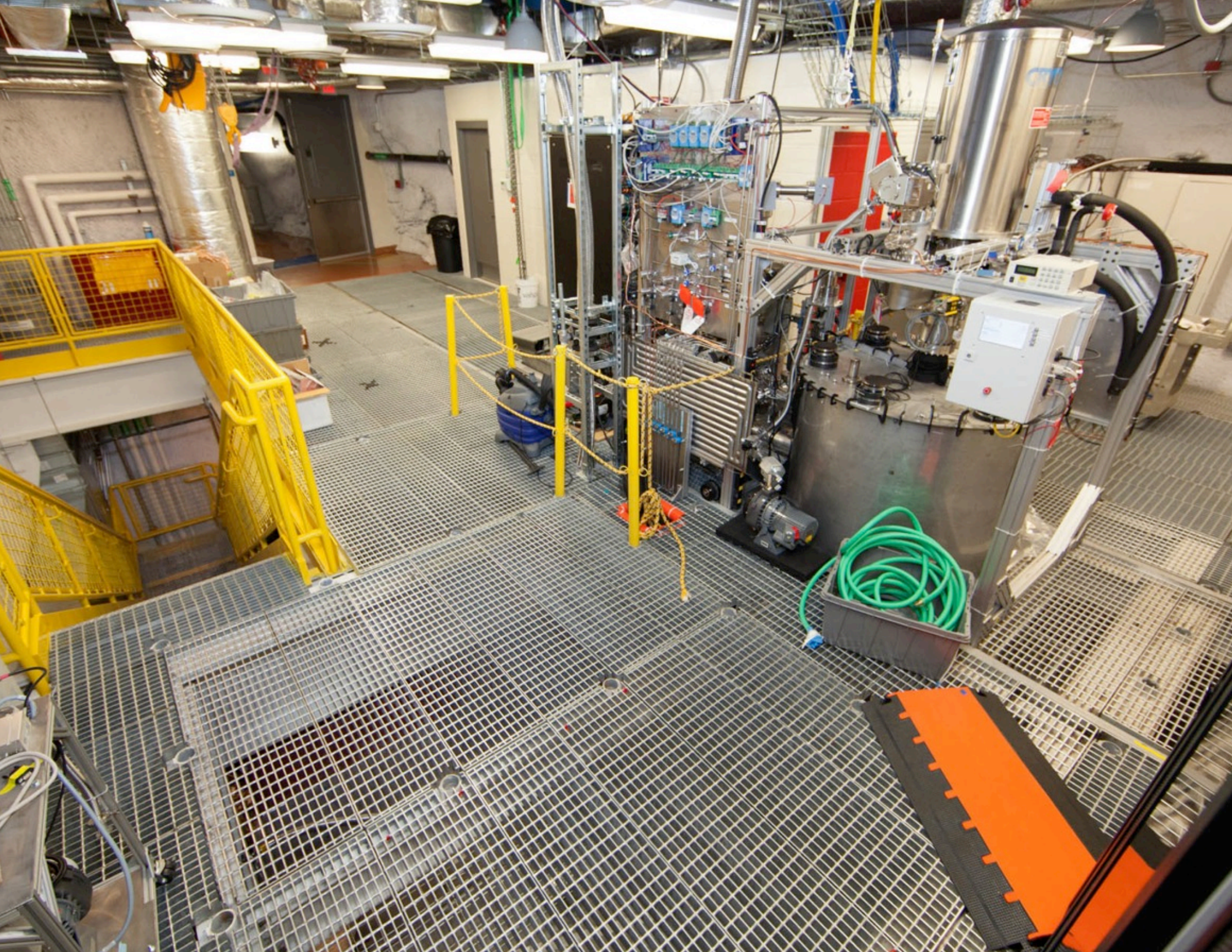


Old Homestake Mine (Hearst)  
Now SURF (Sanford Underground Research Facility)  
4850' underground













unded in 2008 by DOE and NSF

-ground laboratory completed at SURF in 2011

UX assembled; above-ground commissioning runs completed

ground laboratory completed at SURF in 2012.

UX moves underground in July to its new home in the Davis cavern

tor cooldown and gas phase testing completed early February 2013

condensation completed mid February 2013

tor commissioning completed April 2013

(3-month) WIMP search. First results presented October 2013!

ear-long WIMP search began in 2014. Result in 2016.



n Purity: electron drift length 87 –  
m during Run 3

circulation at 250 kg / day

monitored weekly using  $^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$  data

collection efficiency: 14%

l. geometry and PMT QE

$^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$  data provides 3D corrections

field: 181 V/cm

ft speed  $1.51 \pm 0.01$  mm / ms

discrimination 99.6%

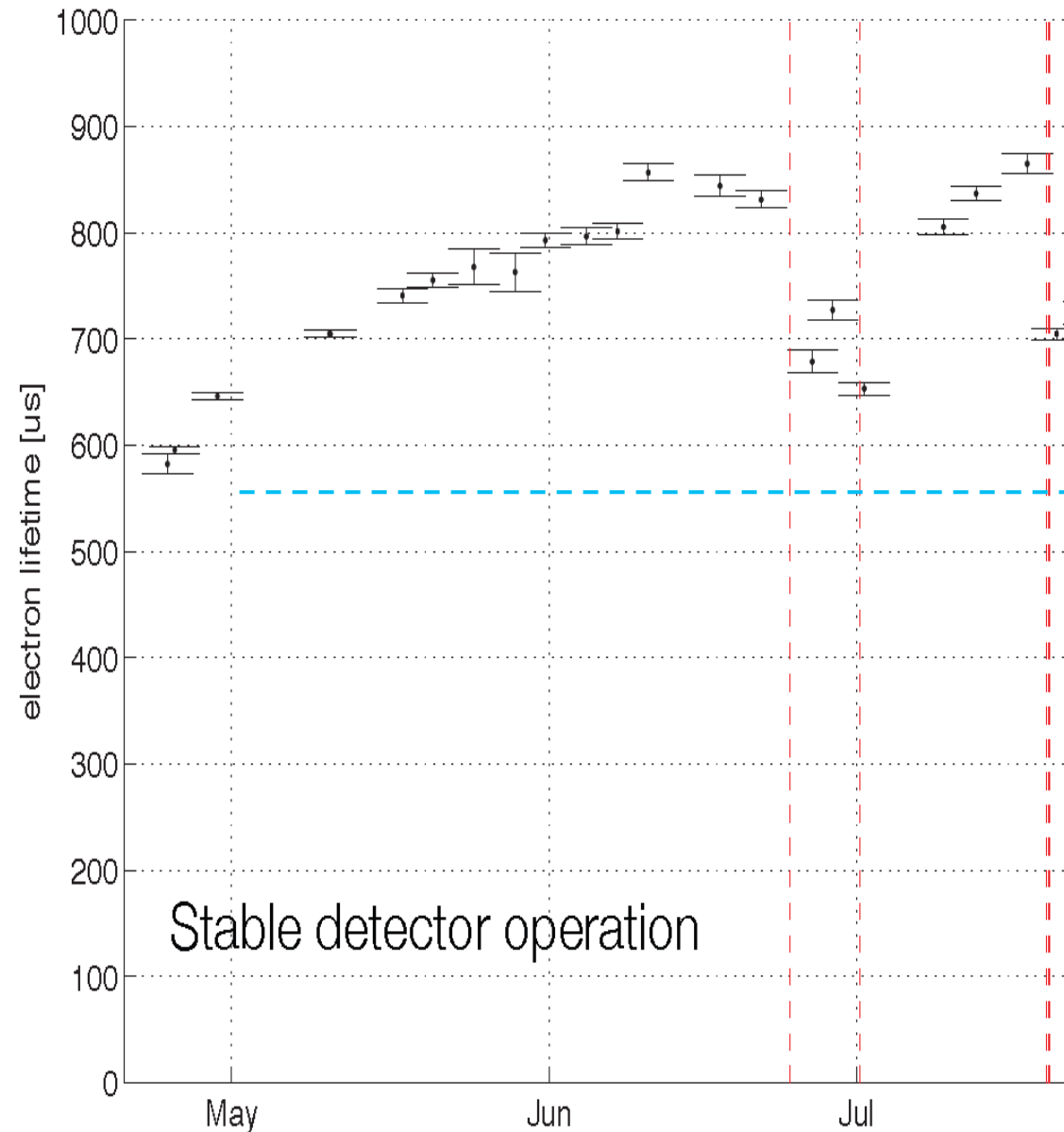
on extraction efficiency: 64%

al mass:  $118.3 \pm 6.5$  kg

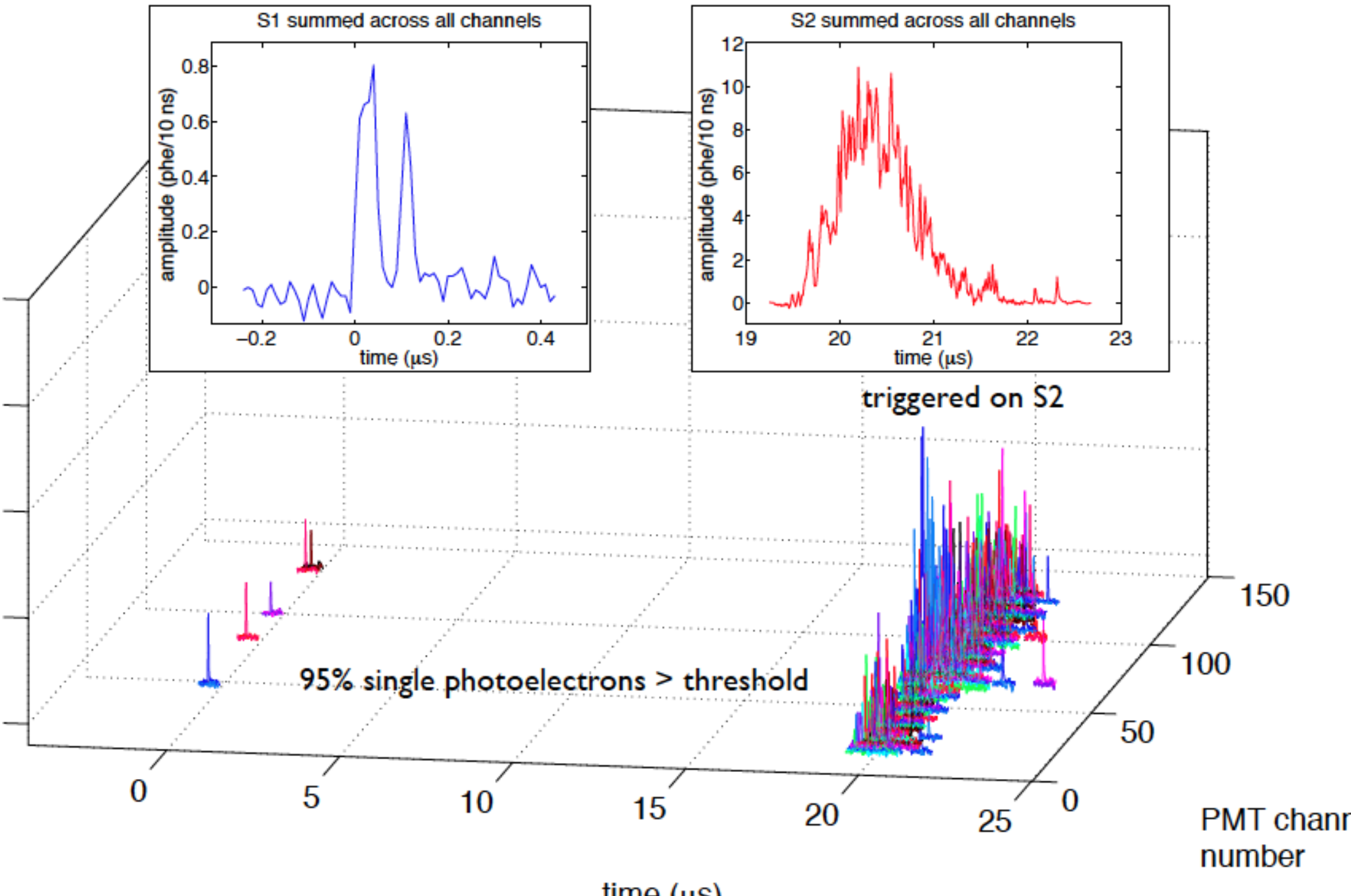
efined by background from edges

asured with homogeneous ER

ibration data...  $^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$ , again!



# 1.5 keV gamma ray scattering event



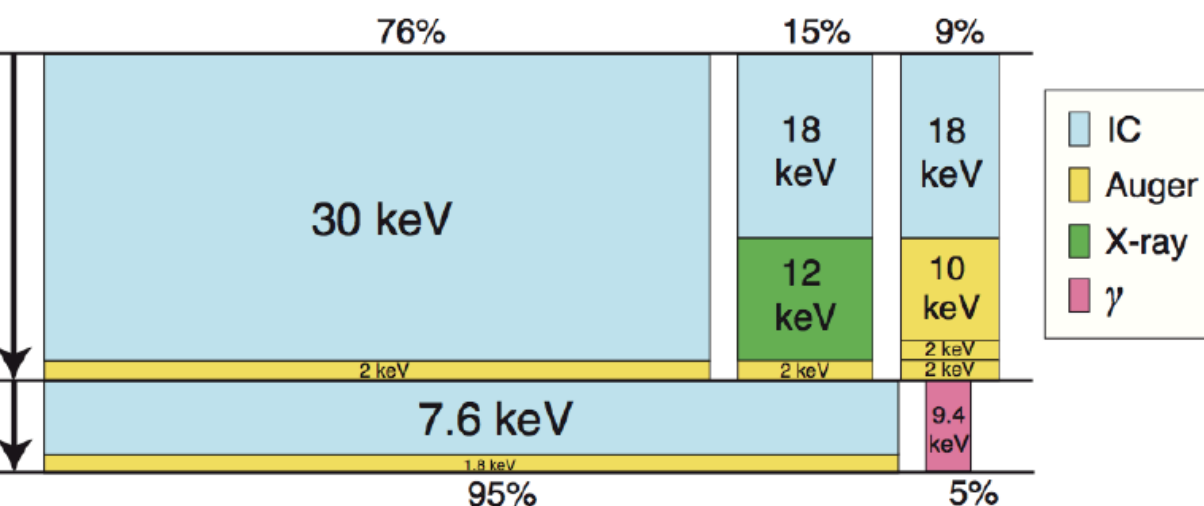


-83 produces Kr-83m when it decays; this krypton gas can then be flushed into the X gas system to calibrate the detector as a function of position.

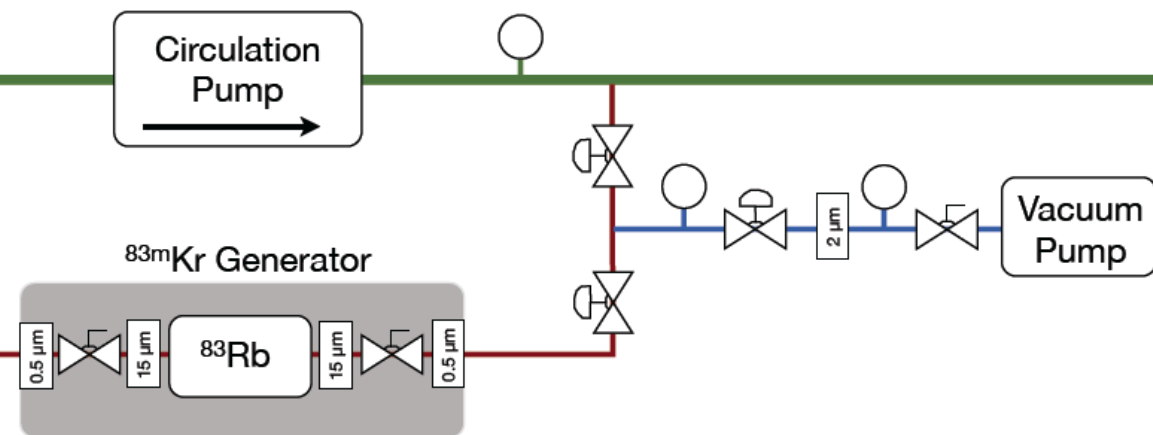
Provides reliable, efficient, homogeneous calibration of both S1 and S2 signals, which then decays away in a few hours, restoring low-background operation.

Most used in liquid nobles by the McKinsey group:

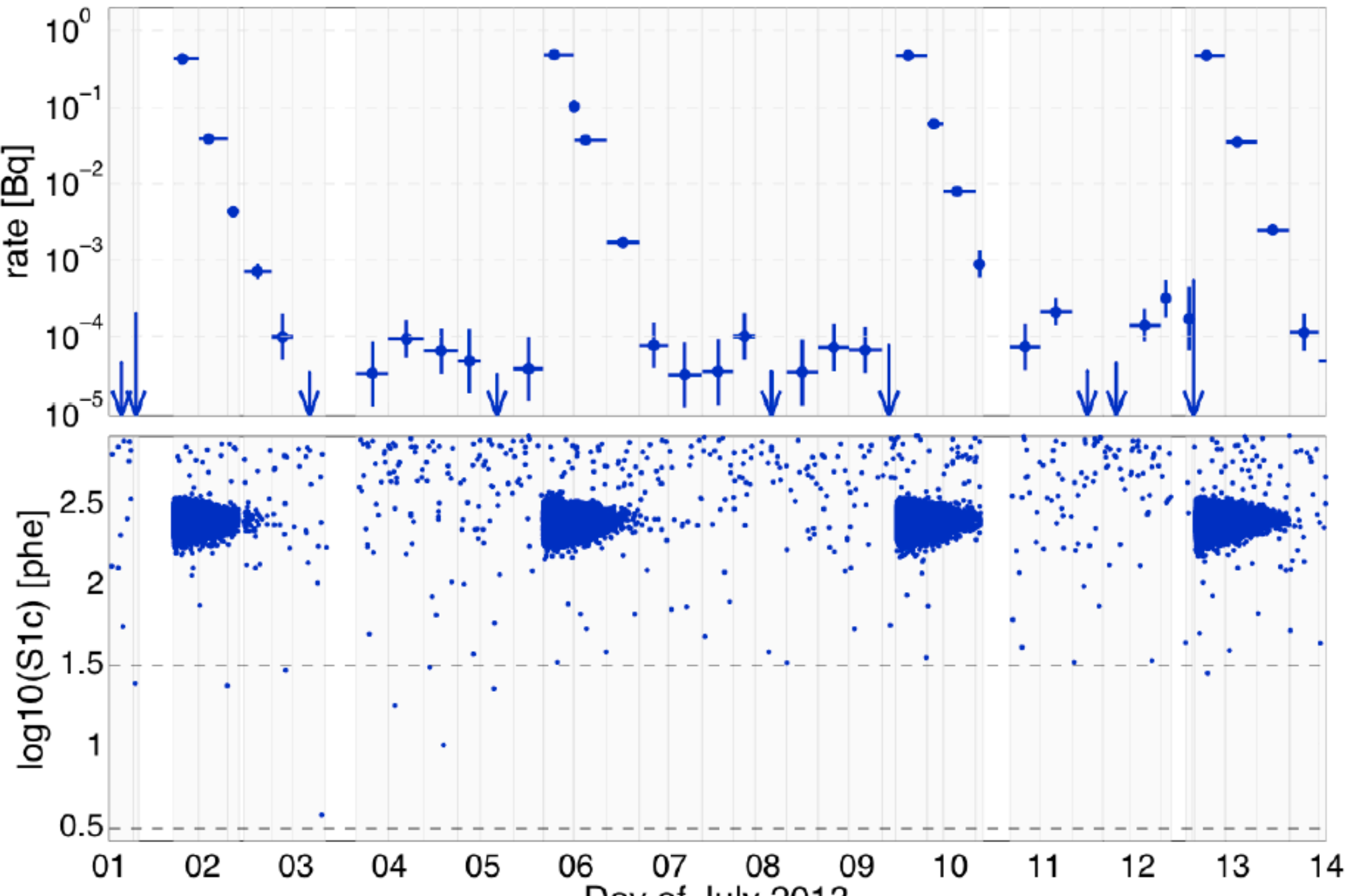
see L. Kastens et al, Phys. Rev. C **80**, 045809 (2009) and Journal of Instrumentation **5**, P05006 (2010)



Kr-83m source (Rb-83 coated on charcoal, within xenon gas plume)



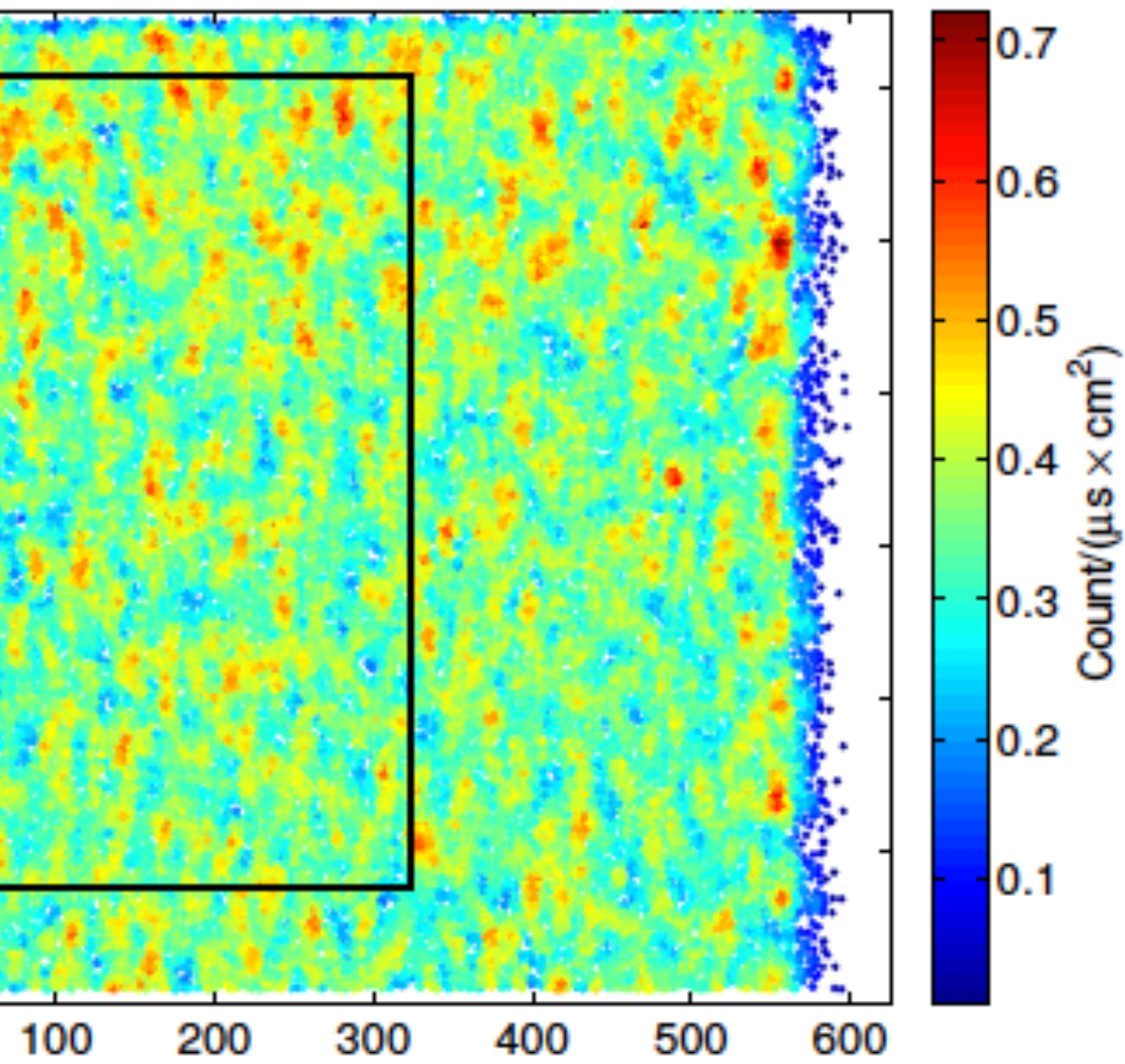
# Repeated, frequent use of Kr-83m



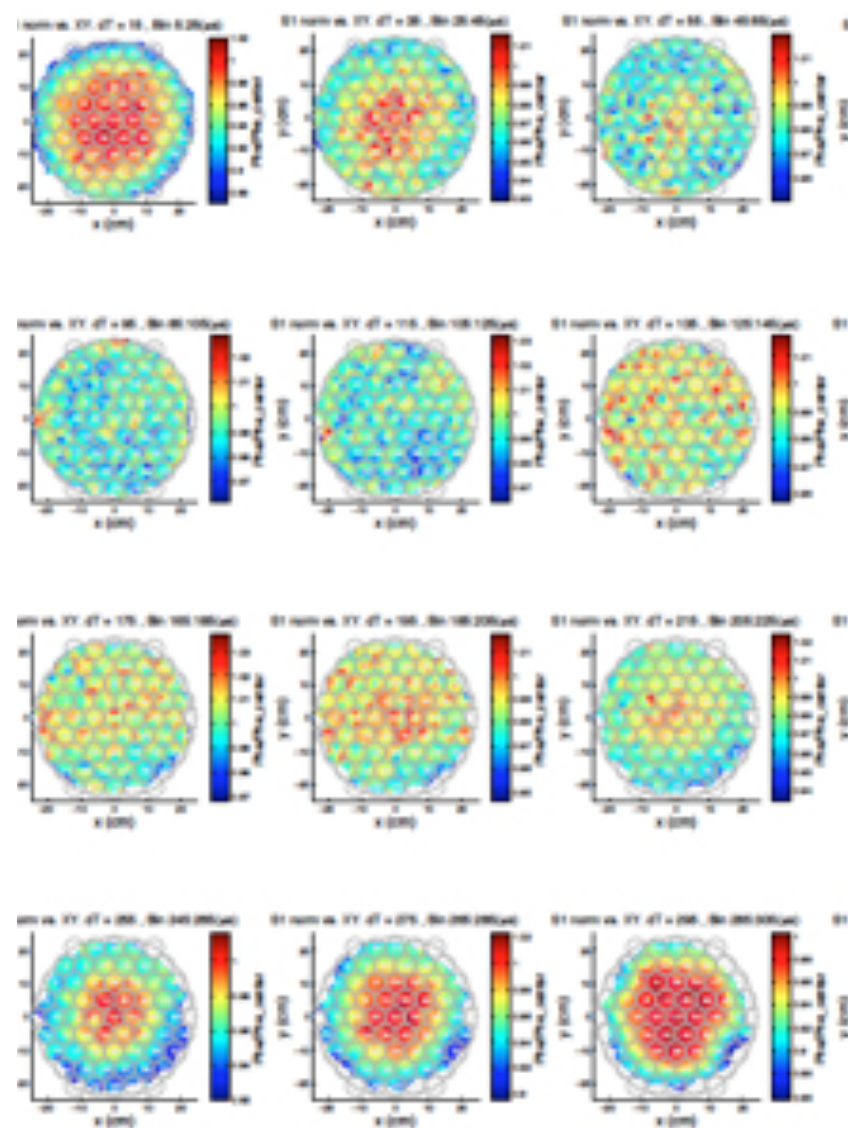


1 million Kr-83m events, spread uniformly through the detector

crucial volume determination



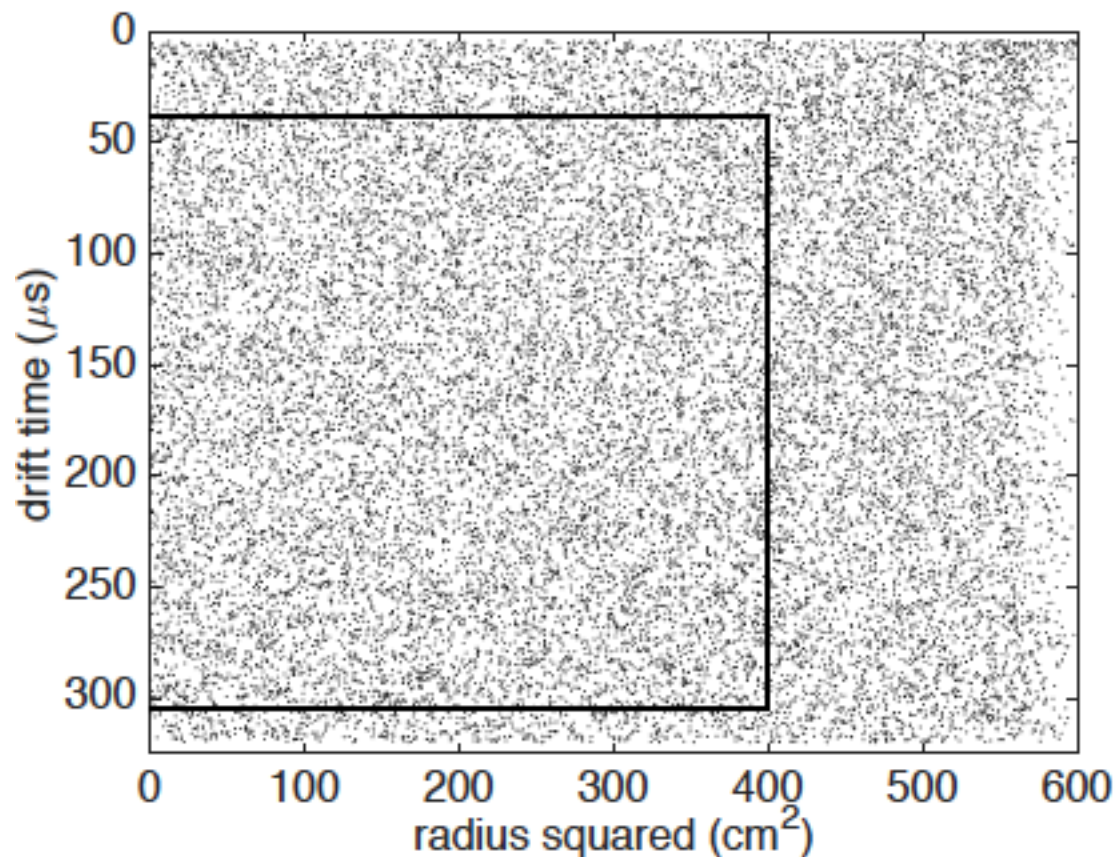
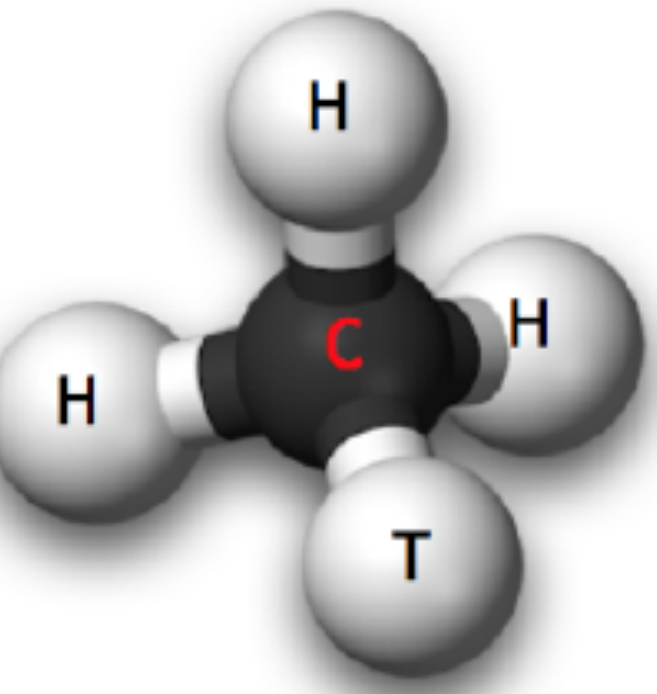
Position-based S1 correction



X uses tritiated methane, doped into the detector, to accurately calibrate the efficiency and background rejection.

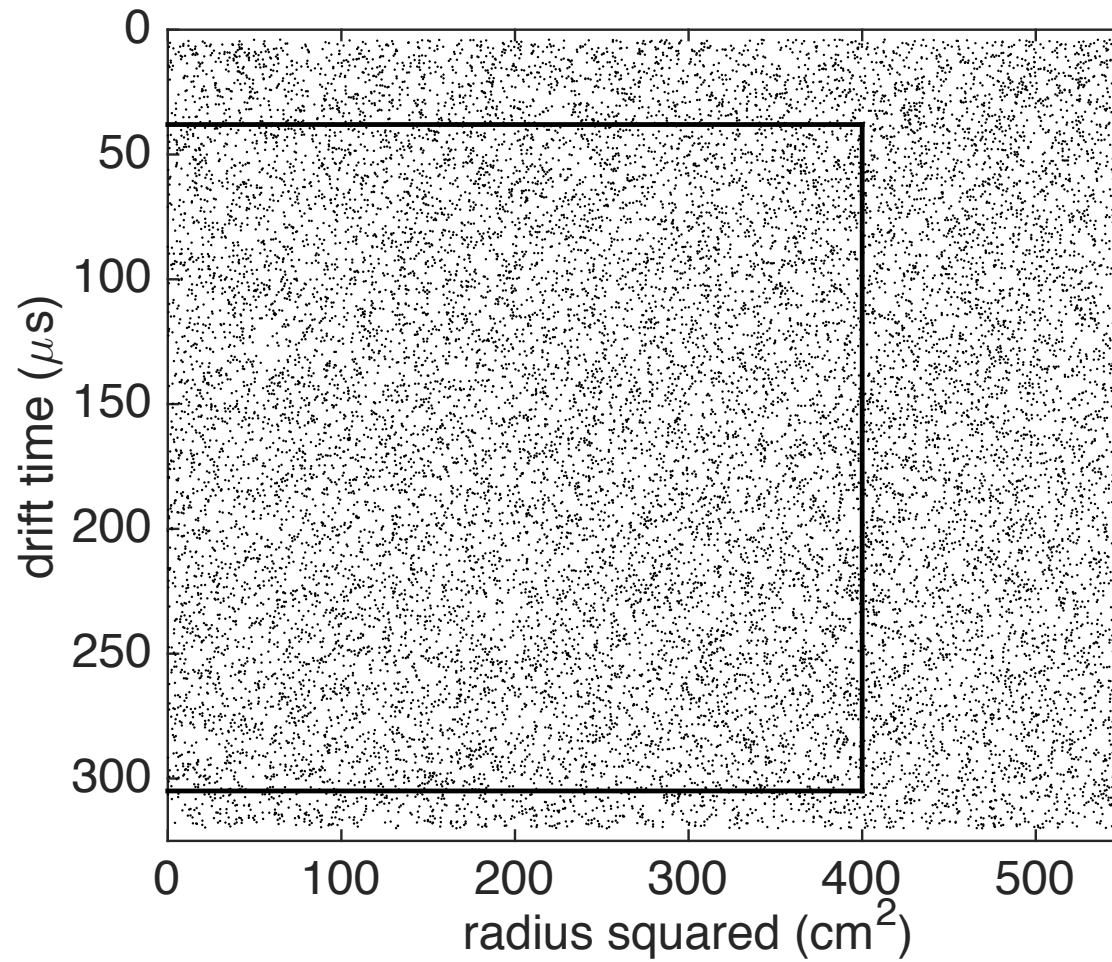
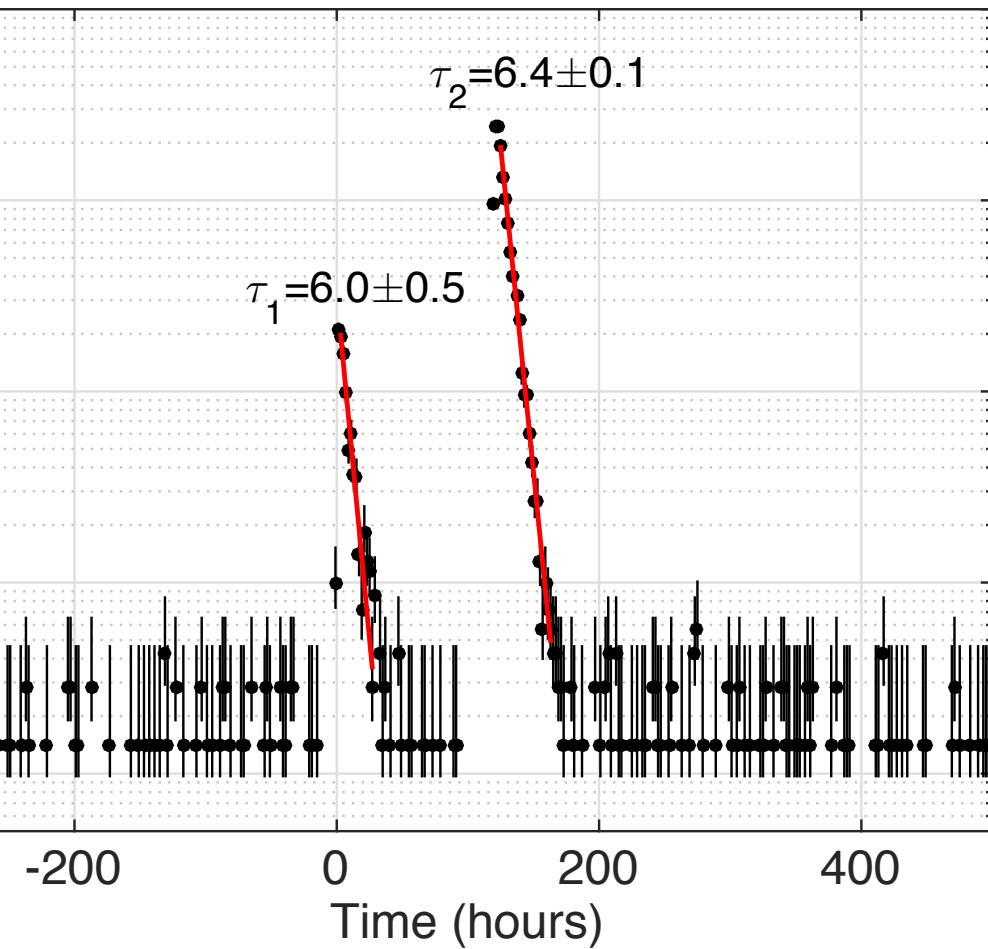
A beta source (endpoint energy 18 keV) allows electron recoil S2/S1 band calibration with unprecedented accuracy

The tritiated methane is then fully removed by circulating the xenon through the getter. The parametrization of the electron recoil band from the high-statistics tritiated methane data is then used to characterize the background model.

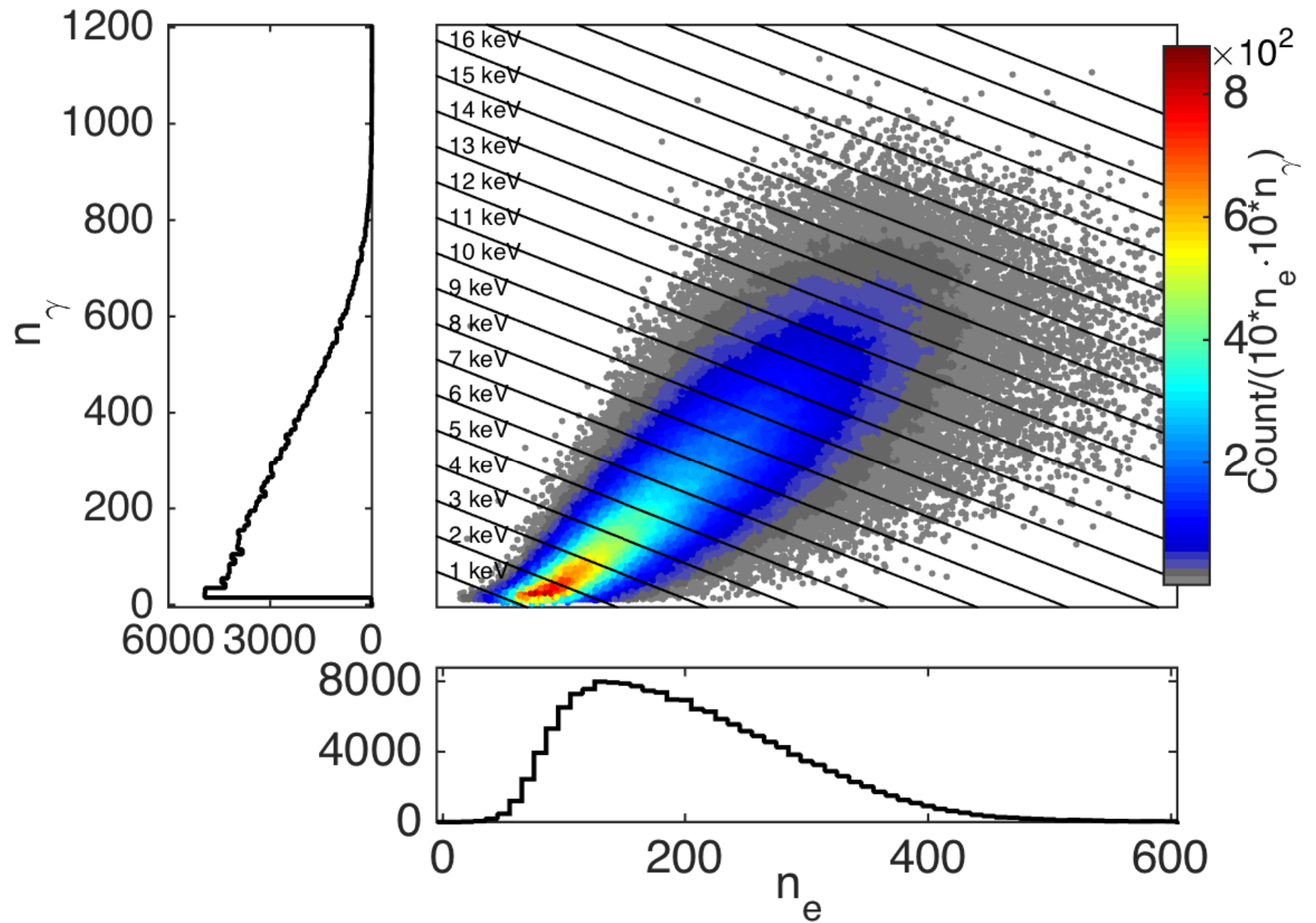




# Tritiated Methane injection



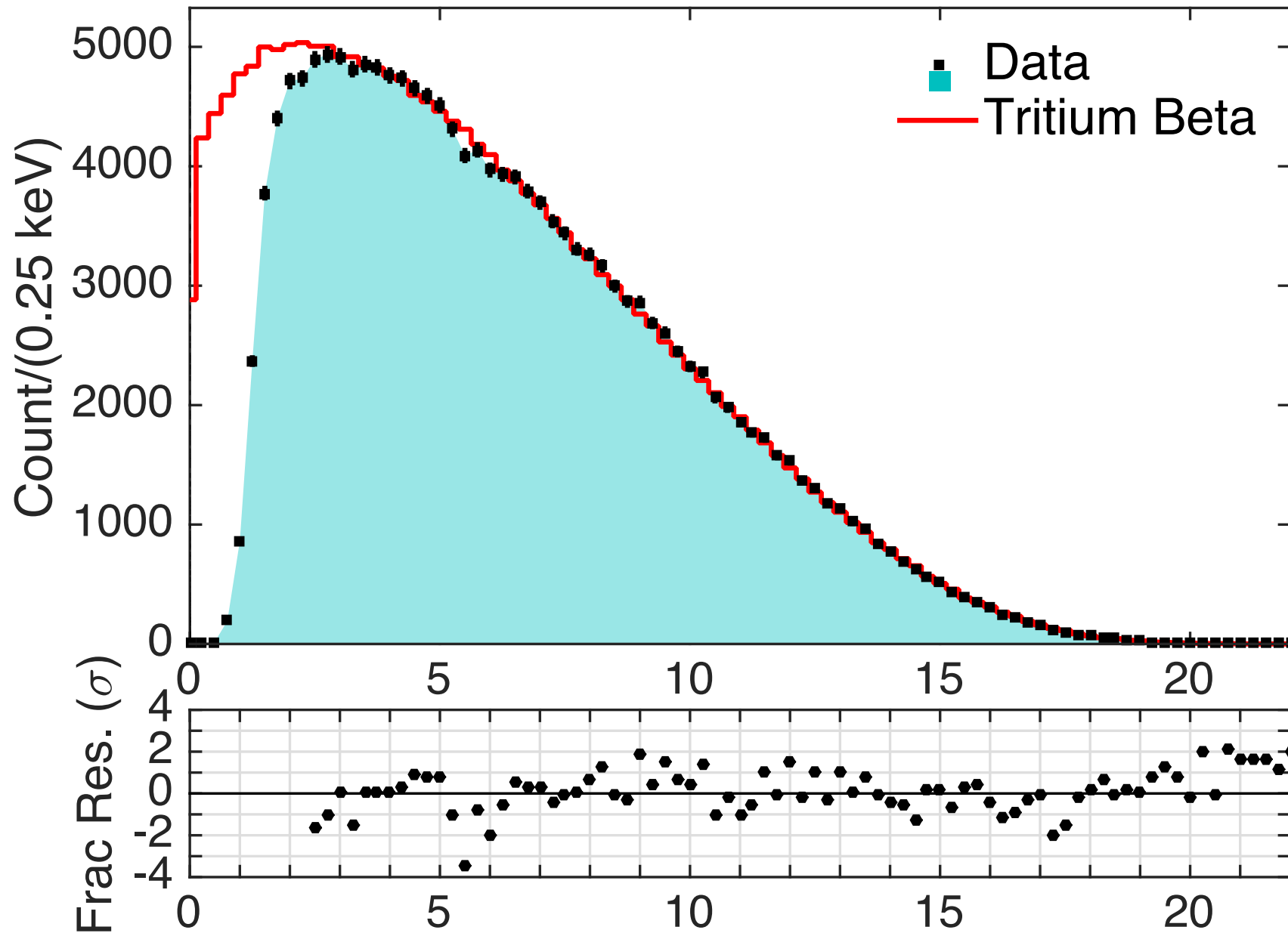
# Tritium beta decay measured in both light and charge



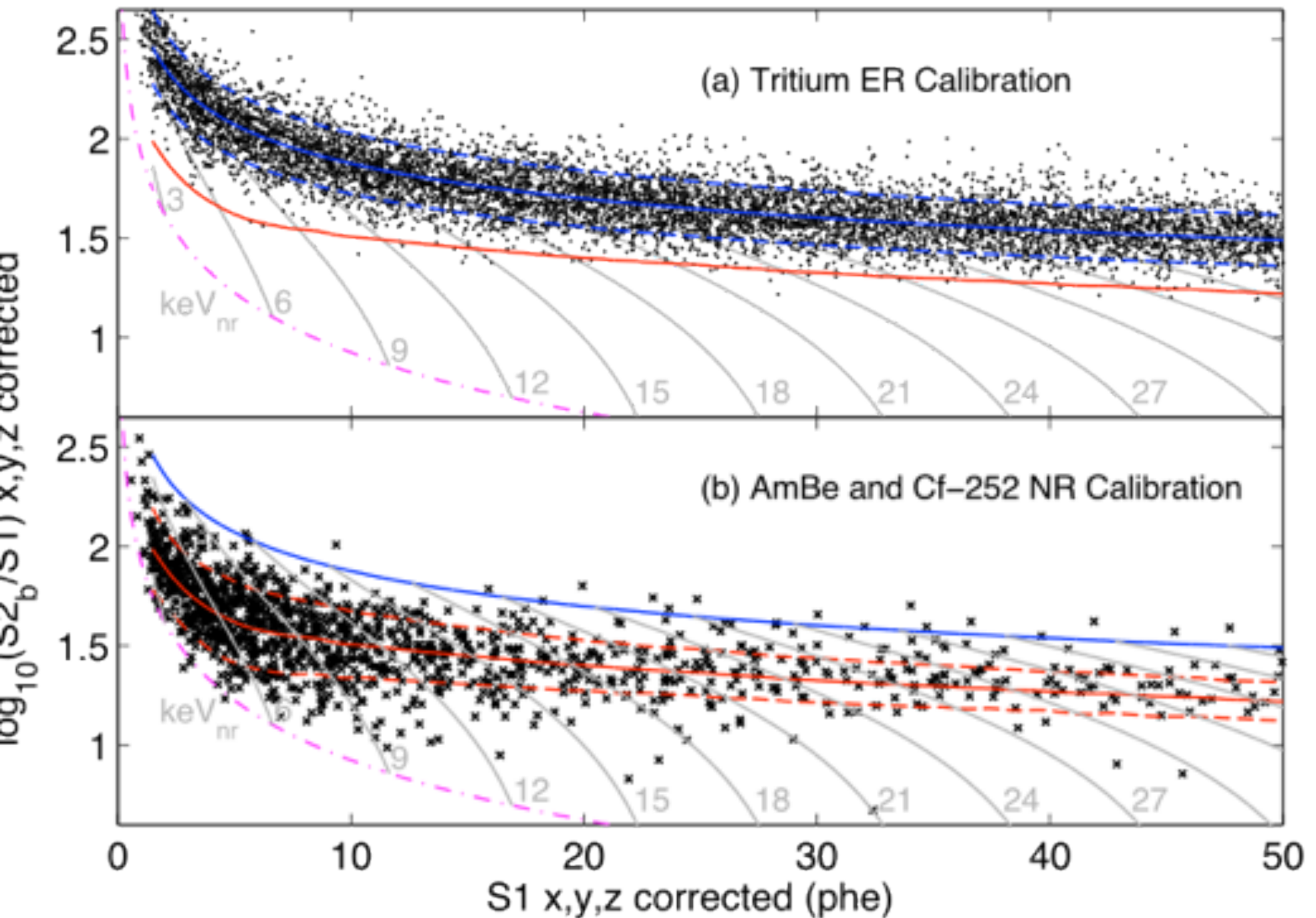


# Tritium combined energy spectrum

$$E = W(n_\gamma + n_e) = W \left( \frac{S1}{g_1} + \frac{S2}{g_2} \right)$$



provides very high statistics electron recoil calibration (200 even  
n calibration is consistent with NEST + simulations



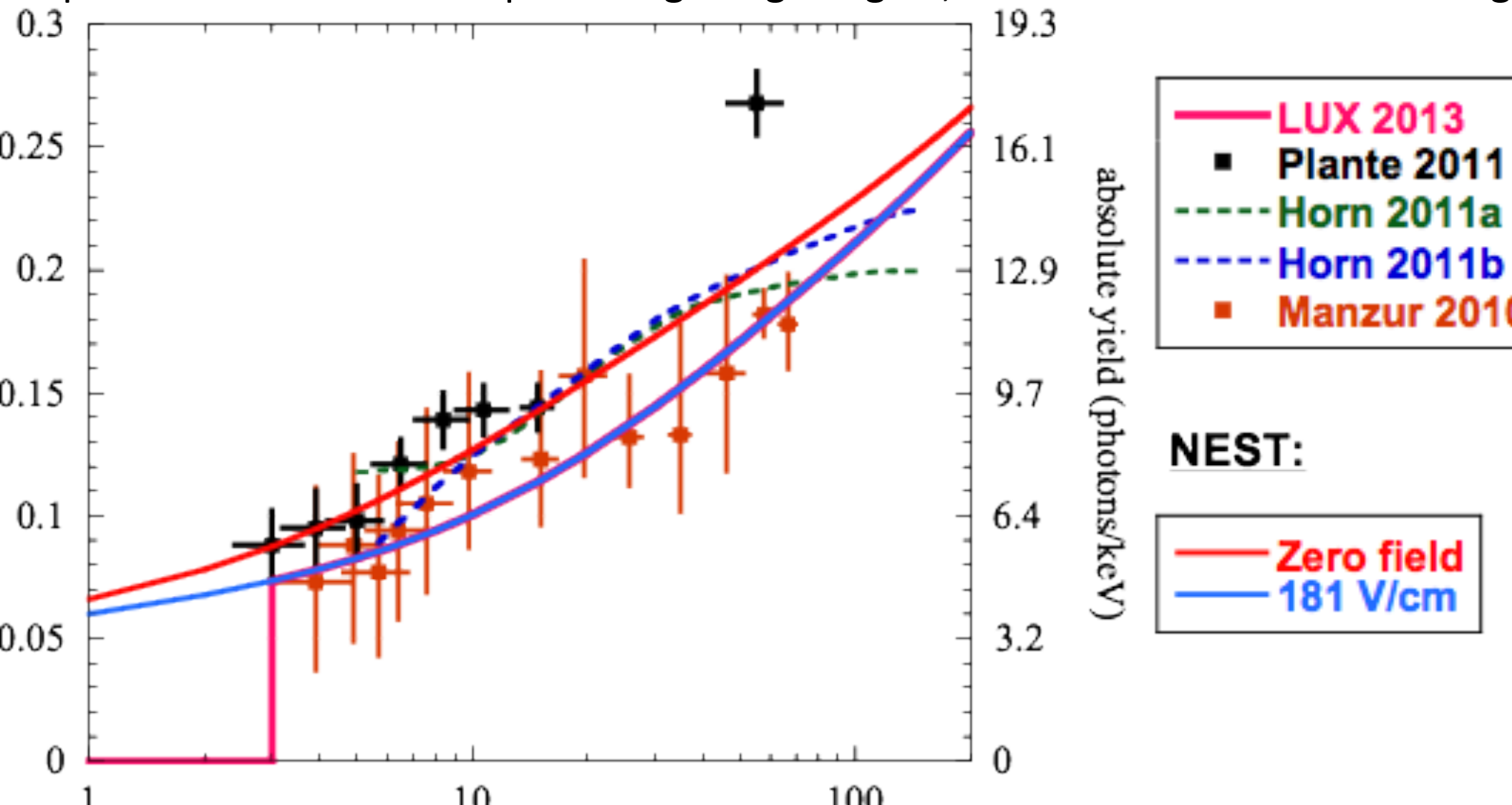


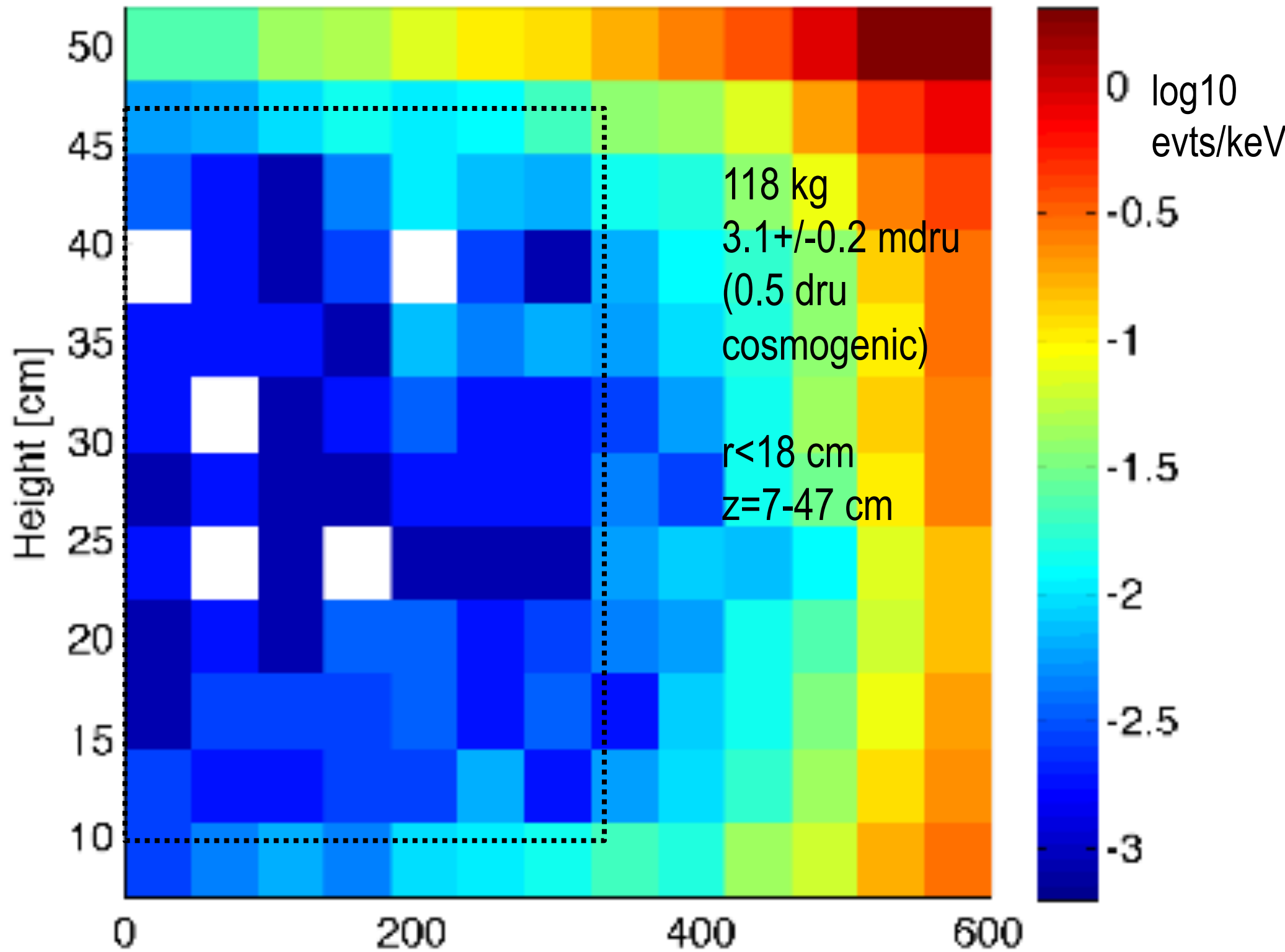
Model Using Noble Element Simulation Technique (NEST).

based on canon of existing experimental data.

**Final result, artificial cutoff in light and charge yields assumed below 3 keVnr, to be conservative.**

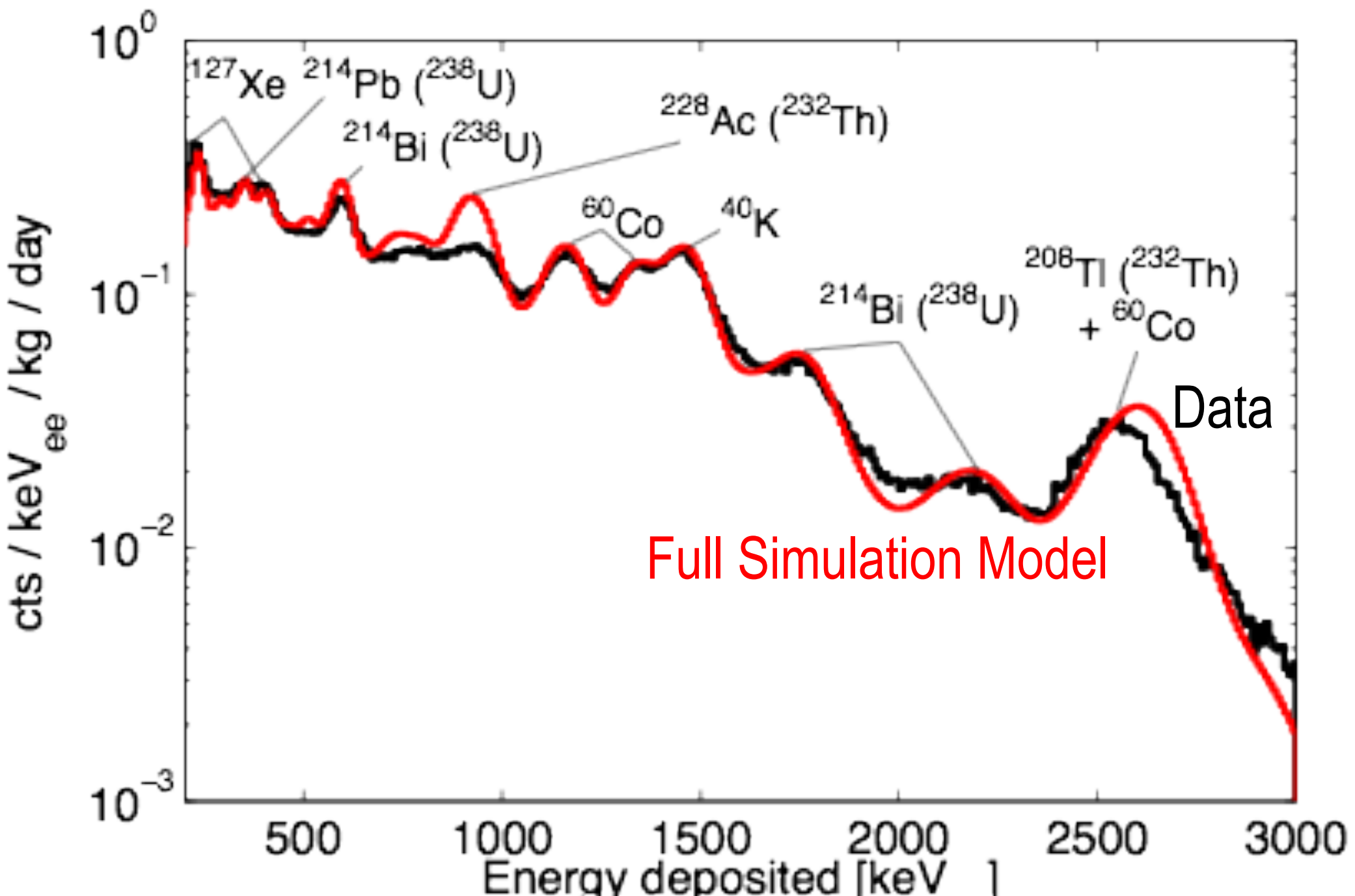
Includes predicted electric field quenching of light signal, to 77-82% of the zero field light







gamma spectrum, excluding region  $\pm 2$  cm from top/bottom gr

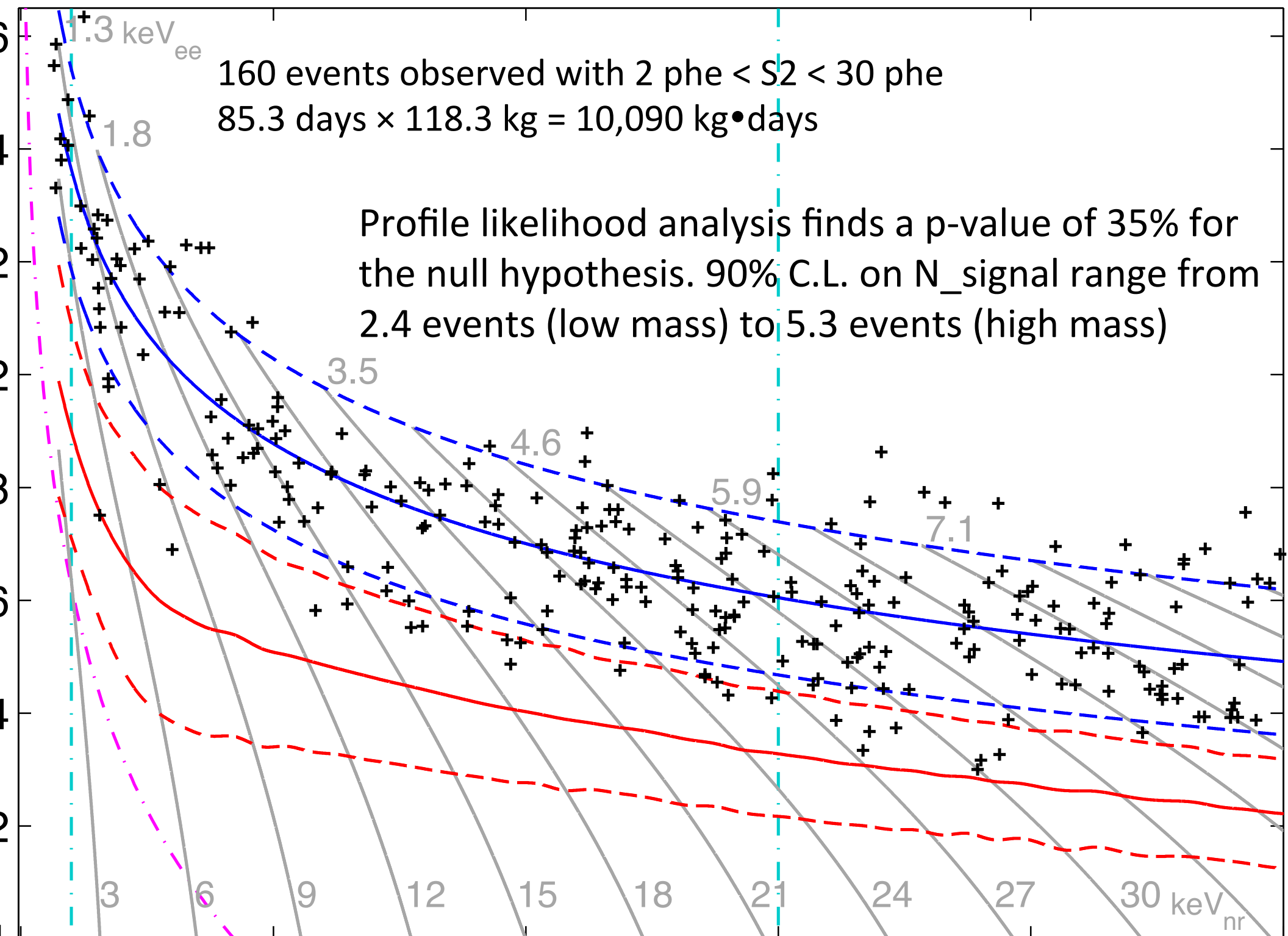


# Average levels over period April-August WIMP Search Run

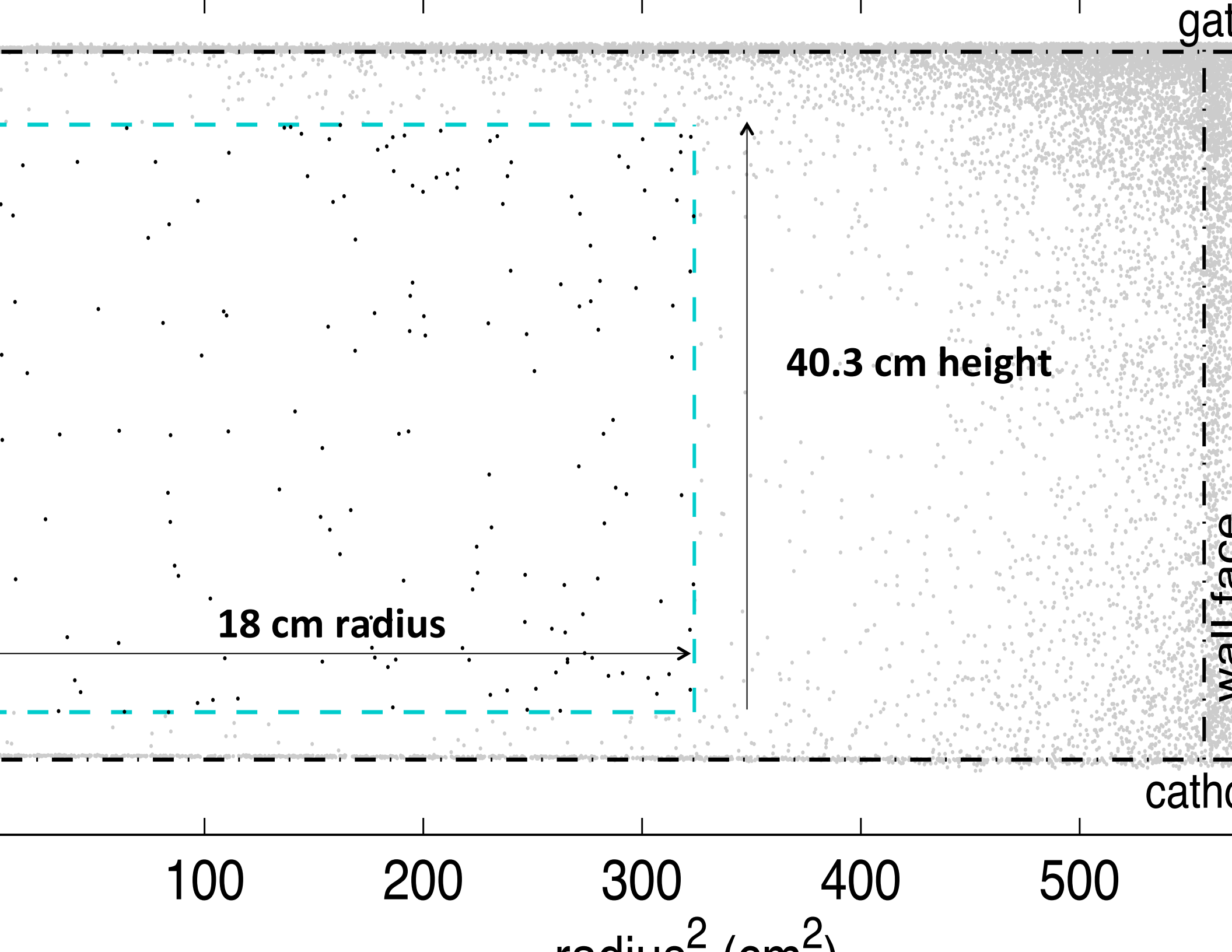
Background Component	Source	$10^{-3} \times \text{evts/keVee/kg/day}$
Gamma-rays	Internal Components including PMTS (80%), Cryostat, Teflon	$1.8 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.3_{\text{sys}}$
$^{127}\text{Xe}$ (36.4 day half-life)	Cosmogenic $0.87 \rightarrow 0.28$ during run	$0.5 \pm 0.02_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.1_{\text{sys}}$
$^{214}\text{Pb}$	$^{222}\text{Rn}$	$0.11\text{--}0.22_{(90\% \text{ CL})}$
$^{85}\text{Kr}$	Reduced from 130 ppb to $3.5 \pm 1$ ppt	$0.13 \pm 0.07_{\text{sys}}$
Predicted	Total	$2.6 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.4_{\text{sys}}$
Observed	Total	$3.1 \pm 0.2_{\text{stat}}$

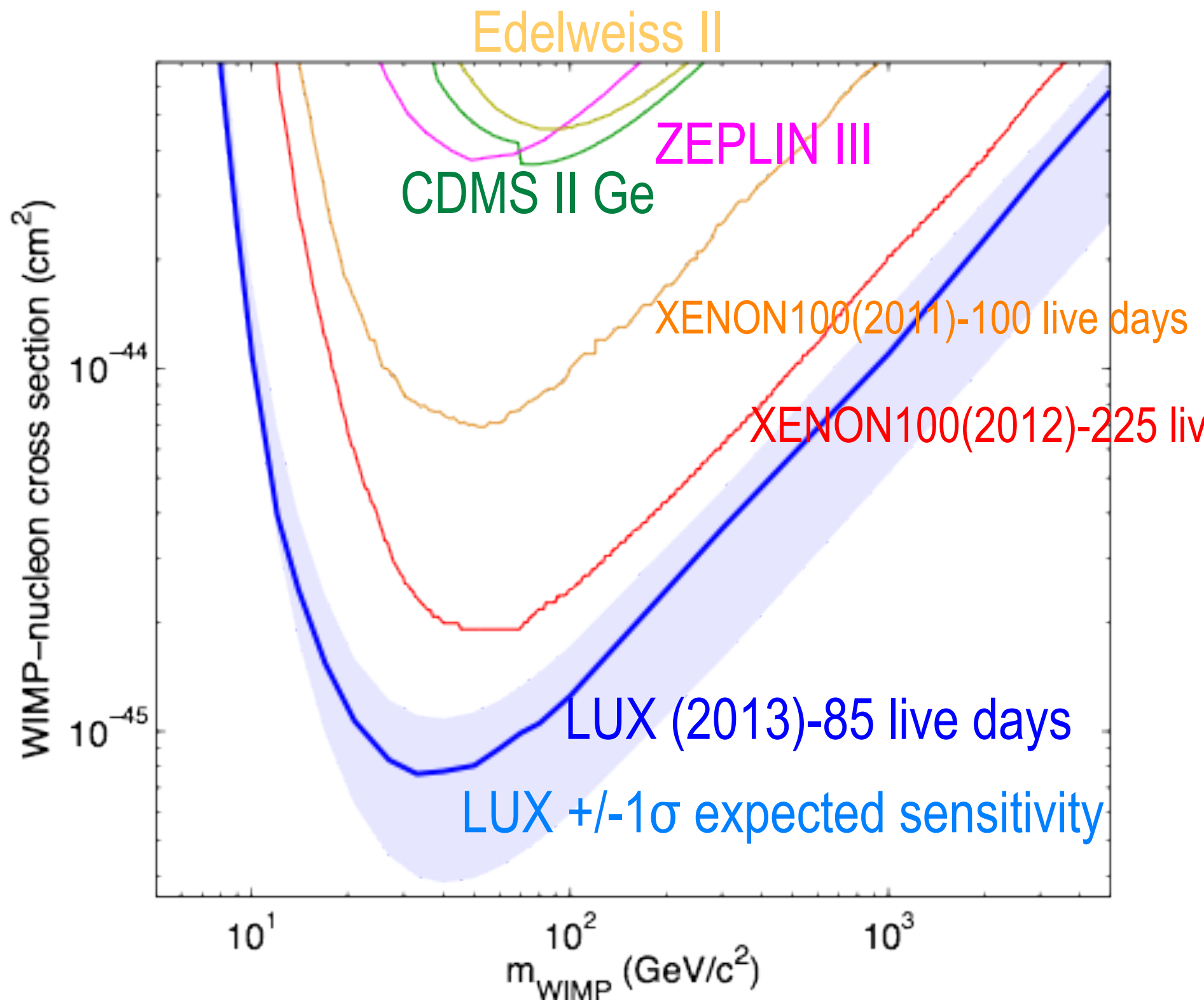


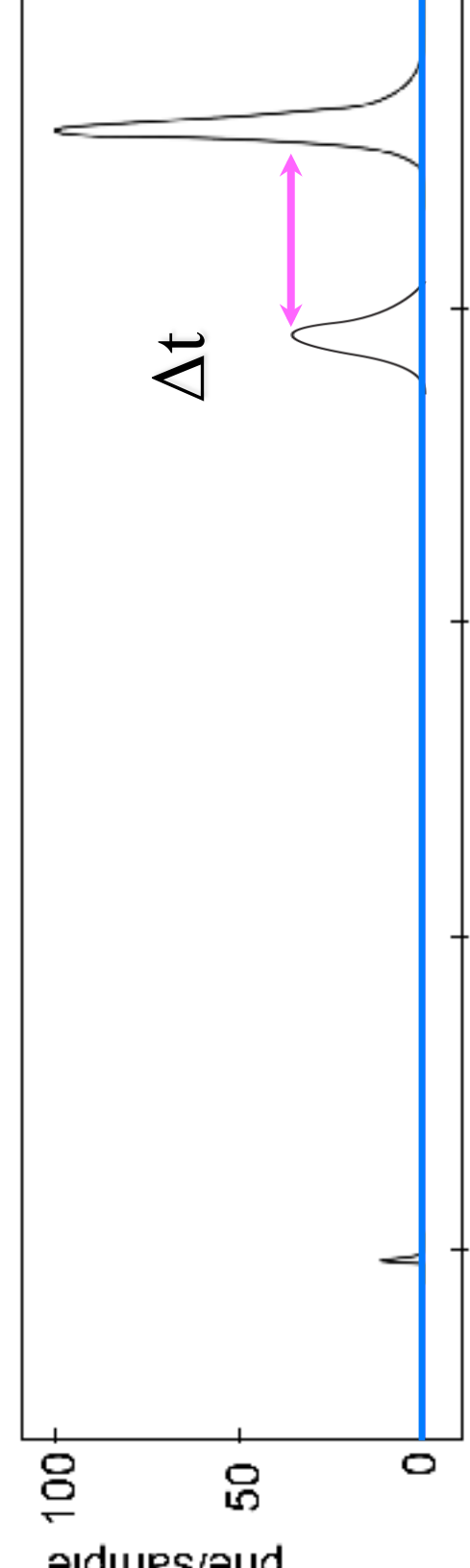
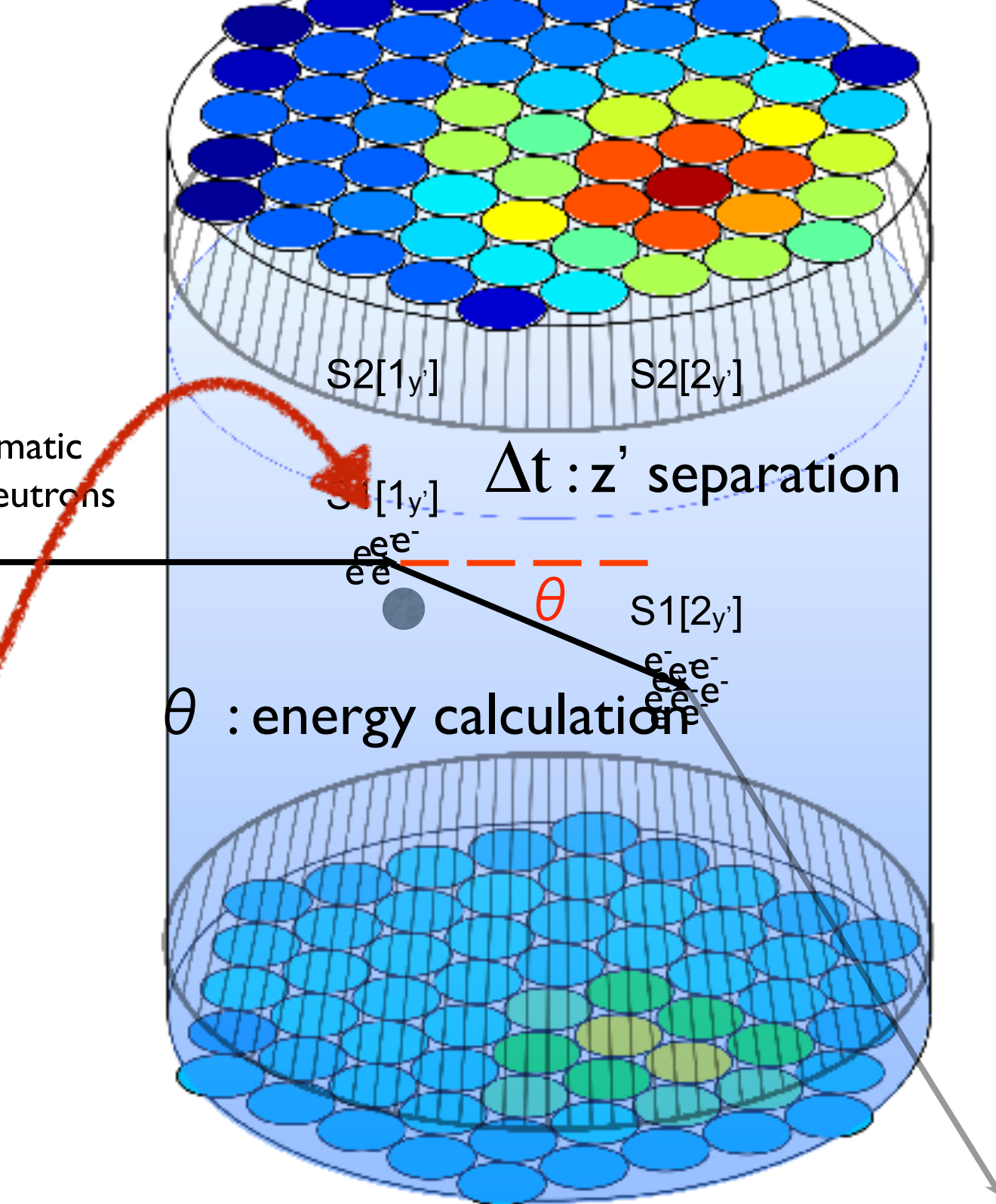
	Explanation	Events Remaining
Triggers	S2 Trigger >99% for S2 <sub>raw</sub> >200 phe	83,673
Detector Stability	Cut periods of excursion for Xe Gas Pressure, Xe Liquid Level, Grid Voltages	82,918
Scatter Events	Identification of S1 and S2. Single Scatter cut.	6,585
Energy	Accept 2-30 phe (energy ~ 0.9-5.3 keV <sub>ee</sub> , ~3-25 keV <sub>nr</sub> )	26
Energy	Accept 200-3300 phe (>8 extracted electrons) Removes single electron / small S2 edge events	20
Single Electron Quiet Cut	Cut if >100 phe outside S1+S2 identified +/-0.5 ms around trigger (0.8% drop in livetime)	19
Time Cut away from	Cutting away from cathode and gate regions, 60 < drift time < 324 us	8
Full Volume radius and drift	Radius < 18 cm, 38 < drift time < 305 us, 110 < fiducial	



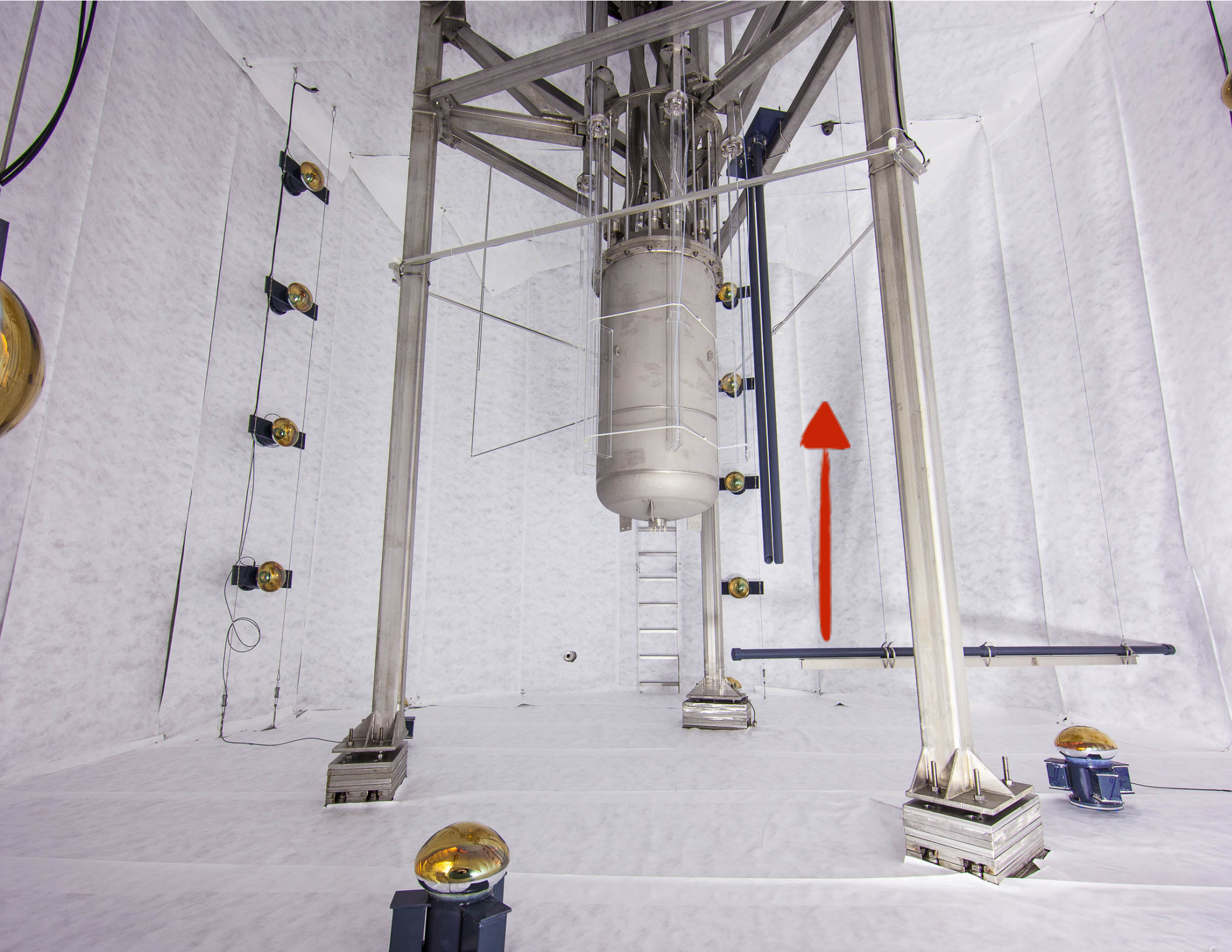








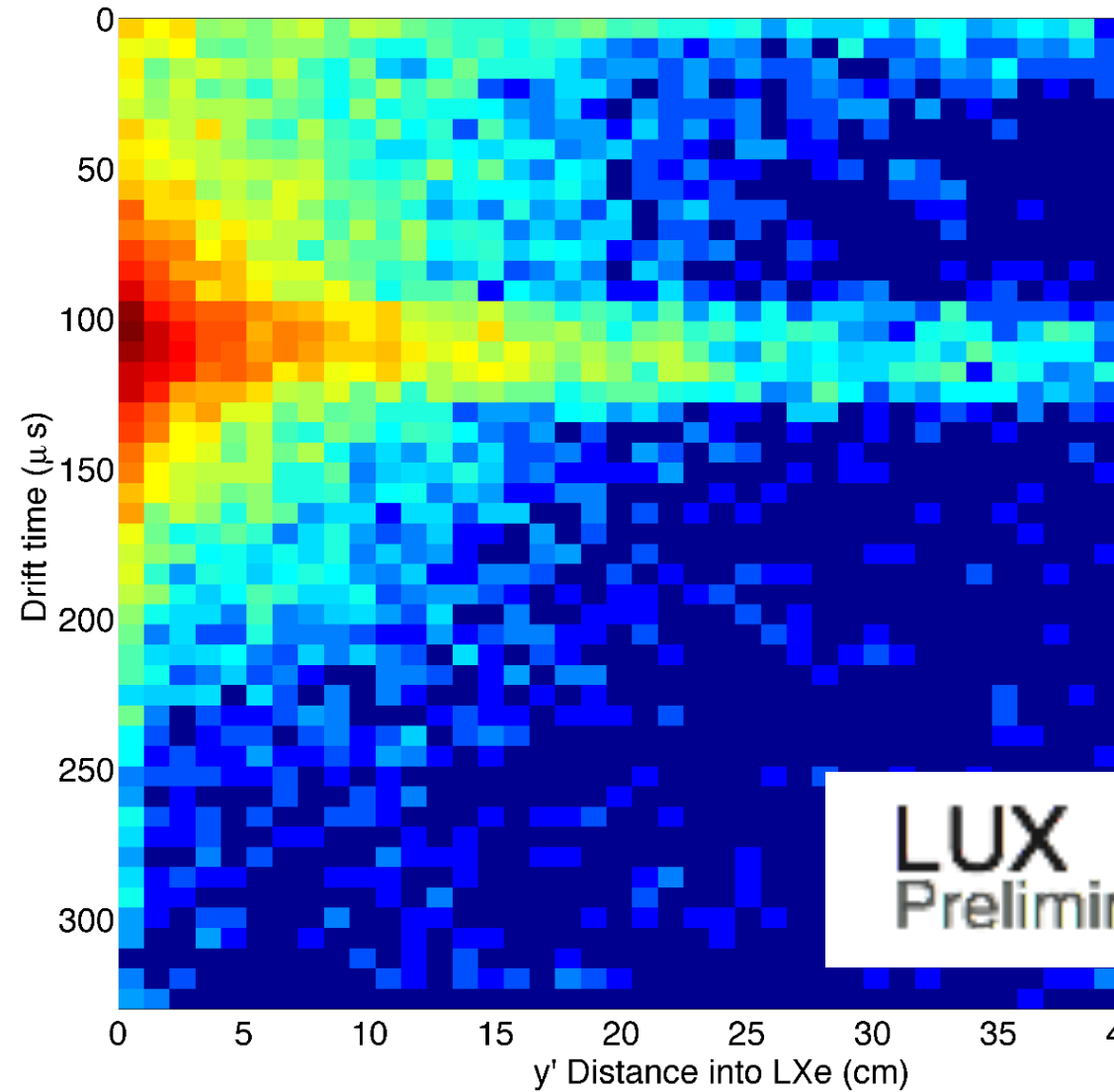








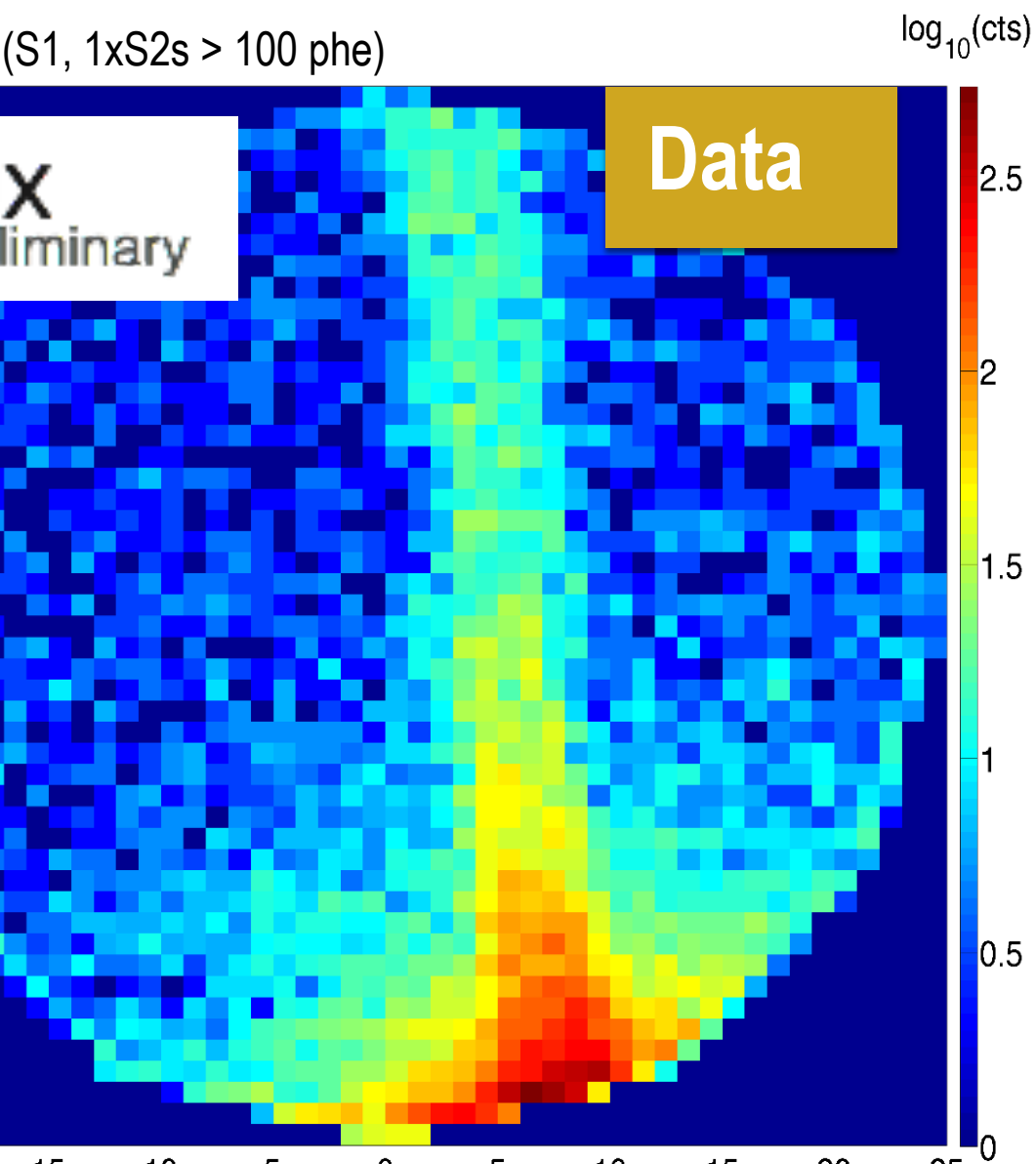
Single Scatter ( $S1$ ,  $1 \times S2s > 100$  phe)



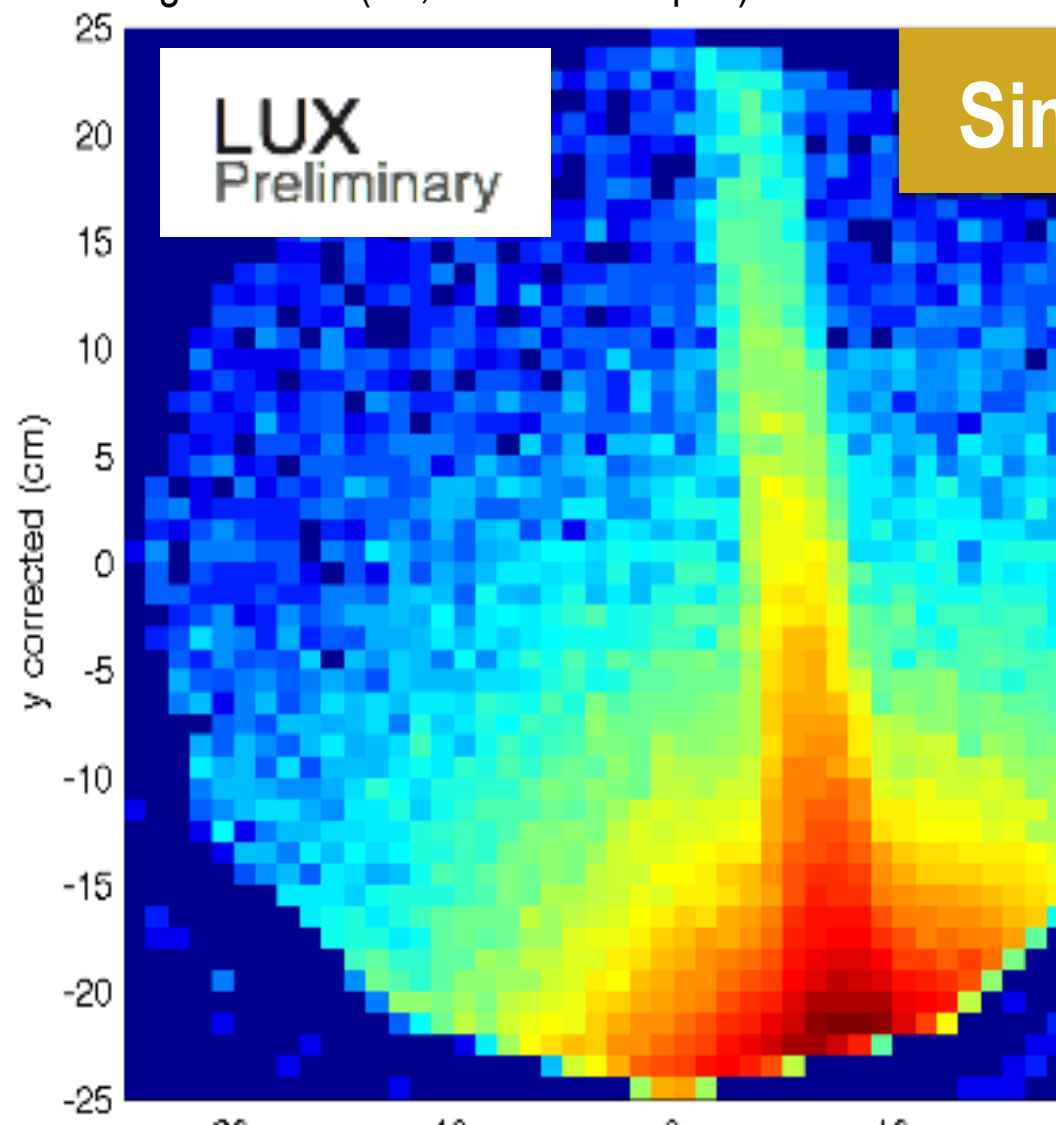
- Neutron generator/beam pipe assembly at 15.5 cm below liquid level in LUX active region to maximize usable single / double scatters
- Beam leveled to  $\sim 1$  degree
- 105.5 live hours of neutron tube data used

# Complete Geant4 LUXSim + NEST simulation of D-D neutron calibration

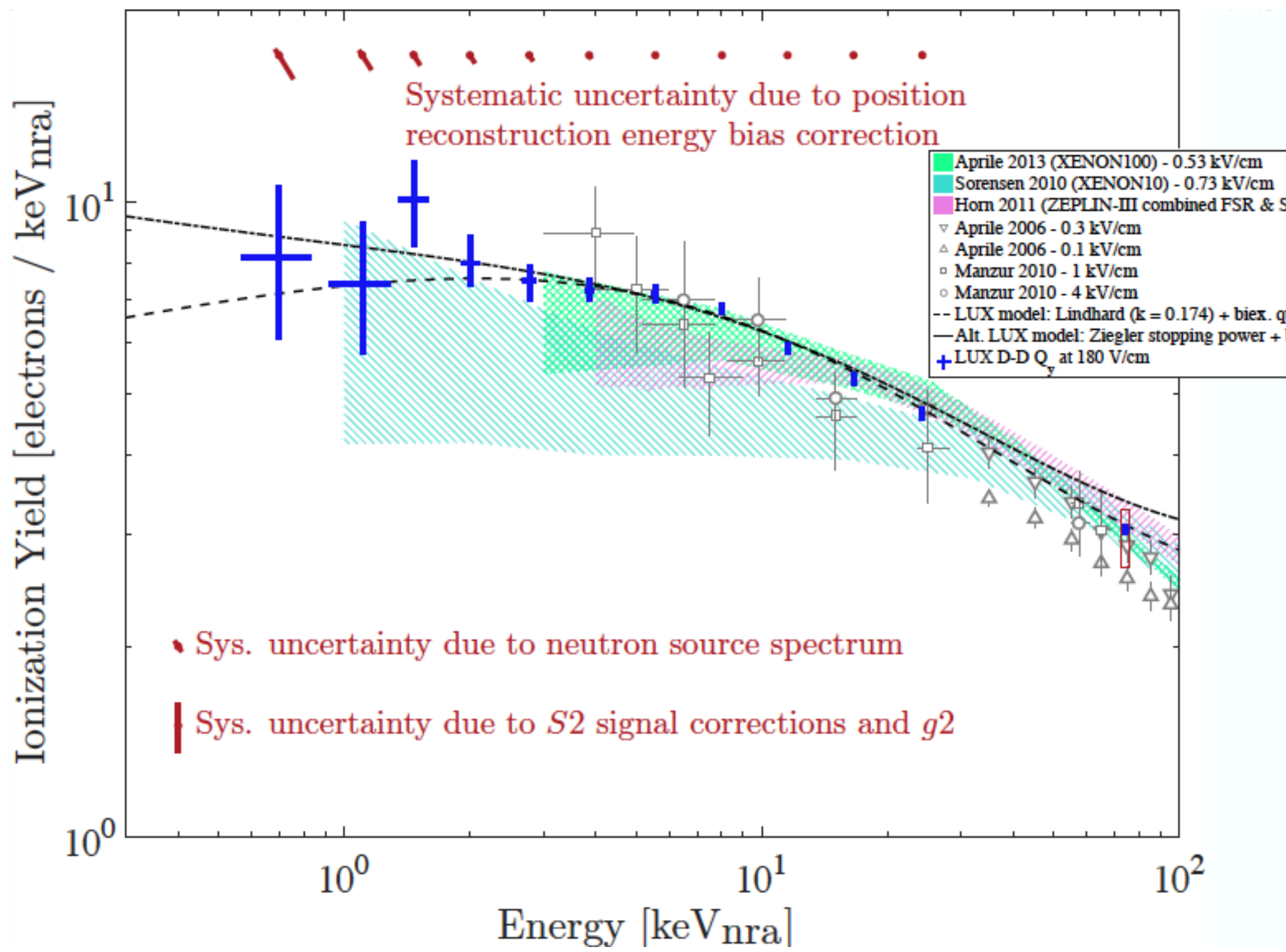
(S1, 1xS2s > 100 phe)



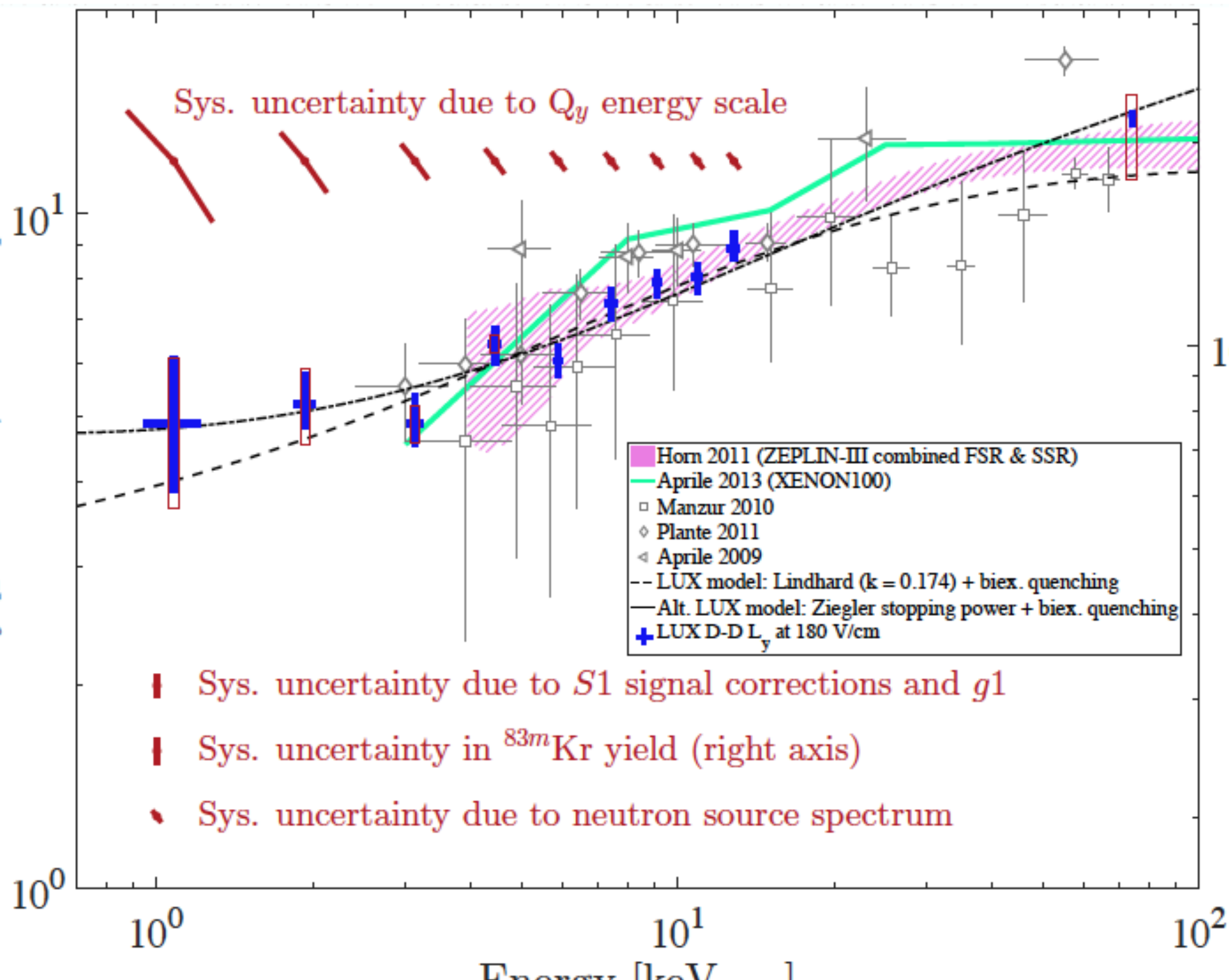
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$L_y$  [photons / keV nra]

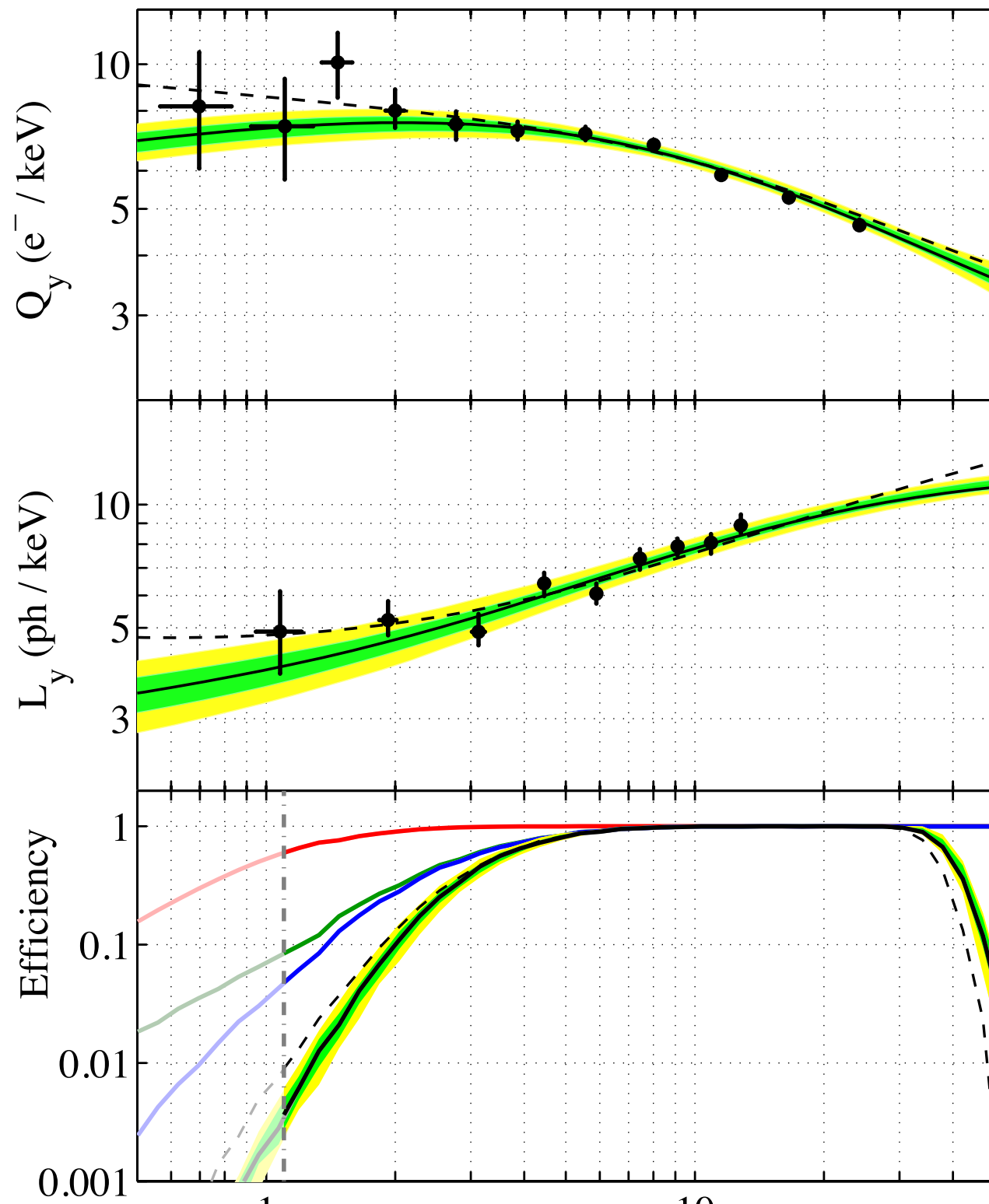


$L_y$  relative to  $^{83m}\text{Kr}$  (32.1 keV)

Large Yield

ht Yield

MP signal efficiency





algorithm: S1 is 'photons detected' instead of total S1  
 at lowest energies, simply an integer count of PMT

Energy Calibration: detector-specific gain factors  $g1 = 0.003 \pm 0.003$  phd/photon and  $g2 = 12.1 \pm 0.8$  phd/electron  
 measured in situ

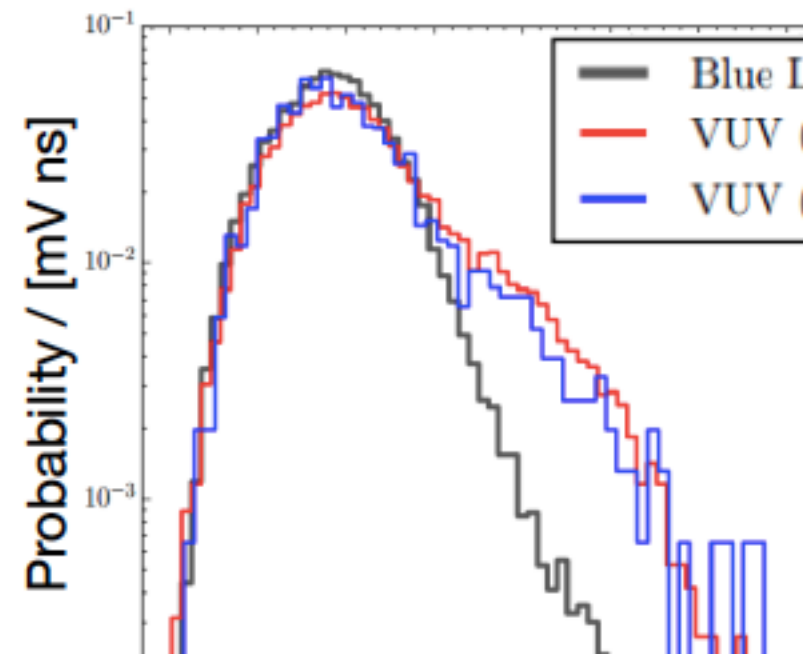
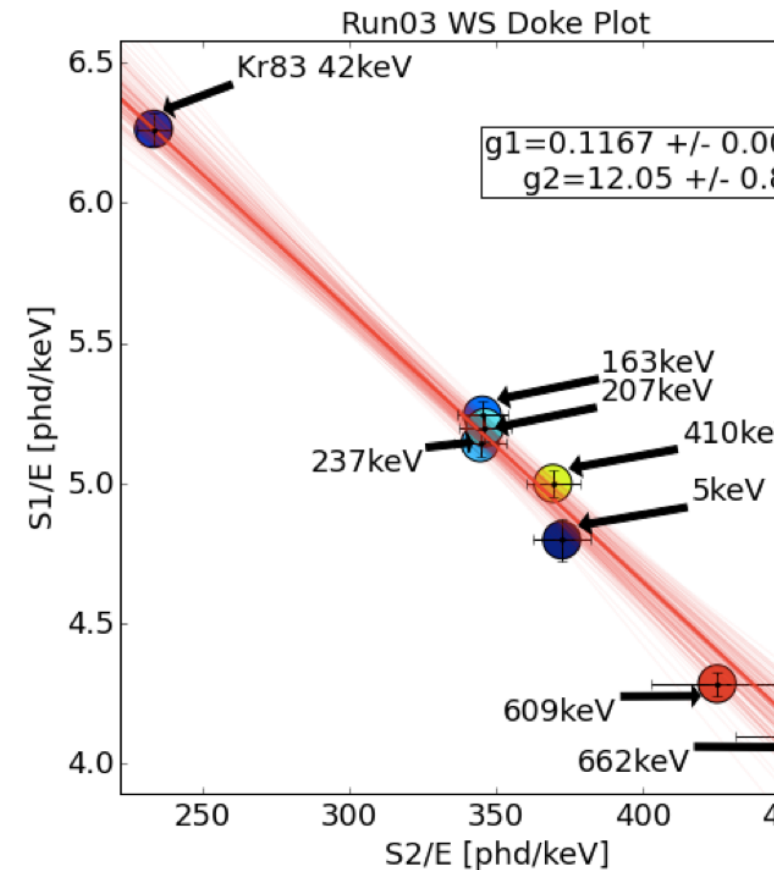
PMT arrays used to estimate S2 size (compare to  
 on-only for 2013 analysis).

Improvements to the gamma-ray background model to  
 reproduce ER spatial distribution.

ER Calibration, with a new lower energy threshold of  
 $E_{nr}$

estimated likelihood of 2 phe from 1 VUV photon, in situ

of electric field non-uniformity near detector edges  
 tested using  $^{83m}\text{Kr}$  data



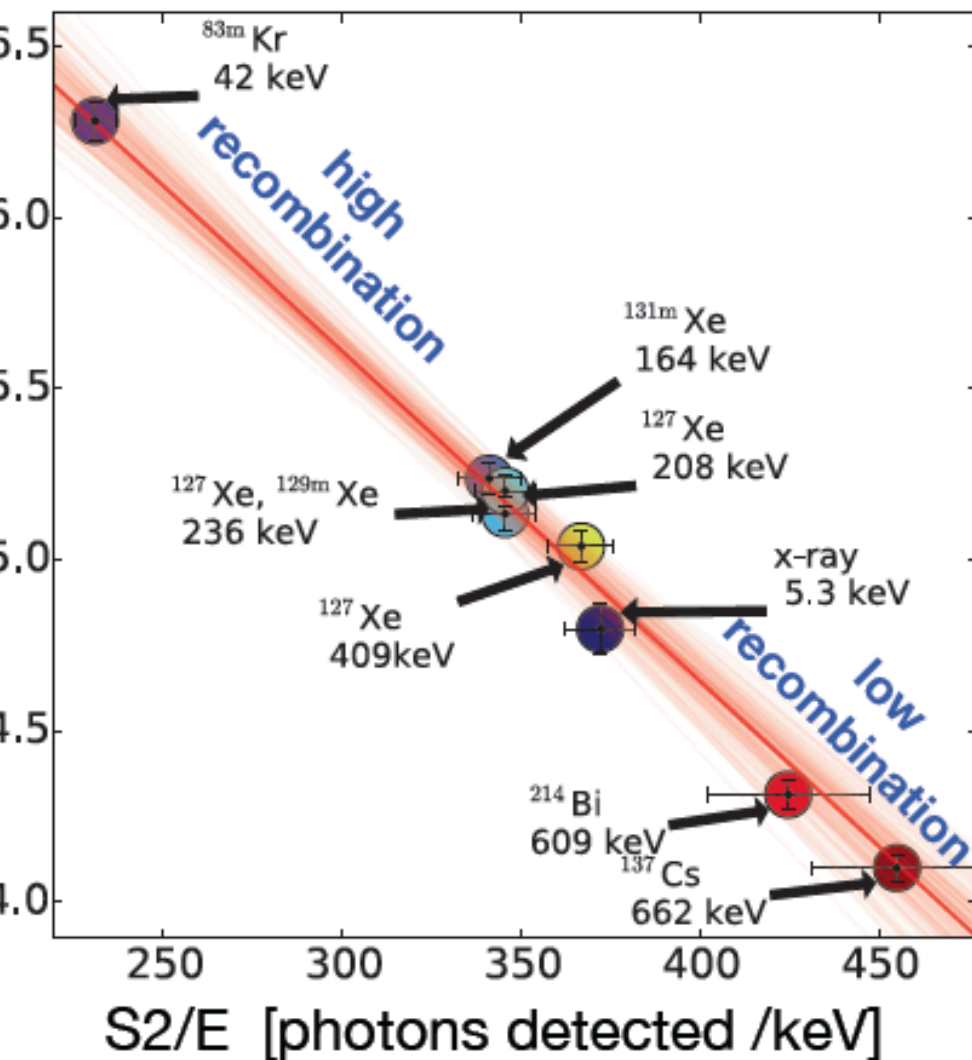
# Precise Detector Efficiencies and Gains

'e plot' analysis:

electron recoils all start with the same [excitation:ionization] ratio.

Energy-dependent recombination then moves quanta from one category to the other.

Average this 1-to-1 correspondence of quanta, and fit for signal-per-quanta.



$$S1/E = \frac{n_\gamma}{(n_\gamma + n_e)} \times \frac{g_1}{W}$$

$$W = 13.7$$

$$S2/E = \frac{n_e}{(n_\gamma + n_e)} \times \frac{g_2}{W}$$

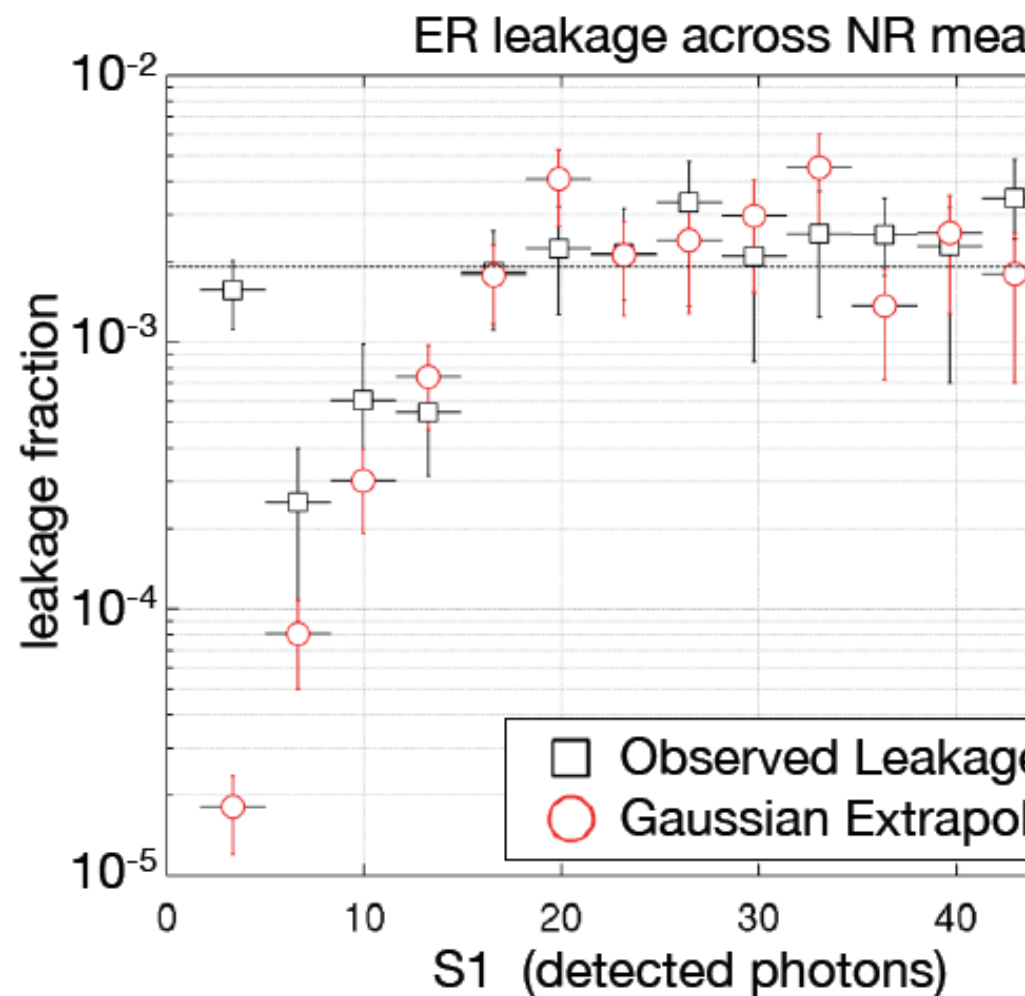
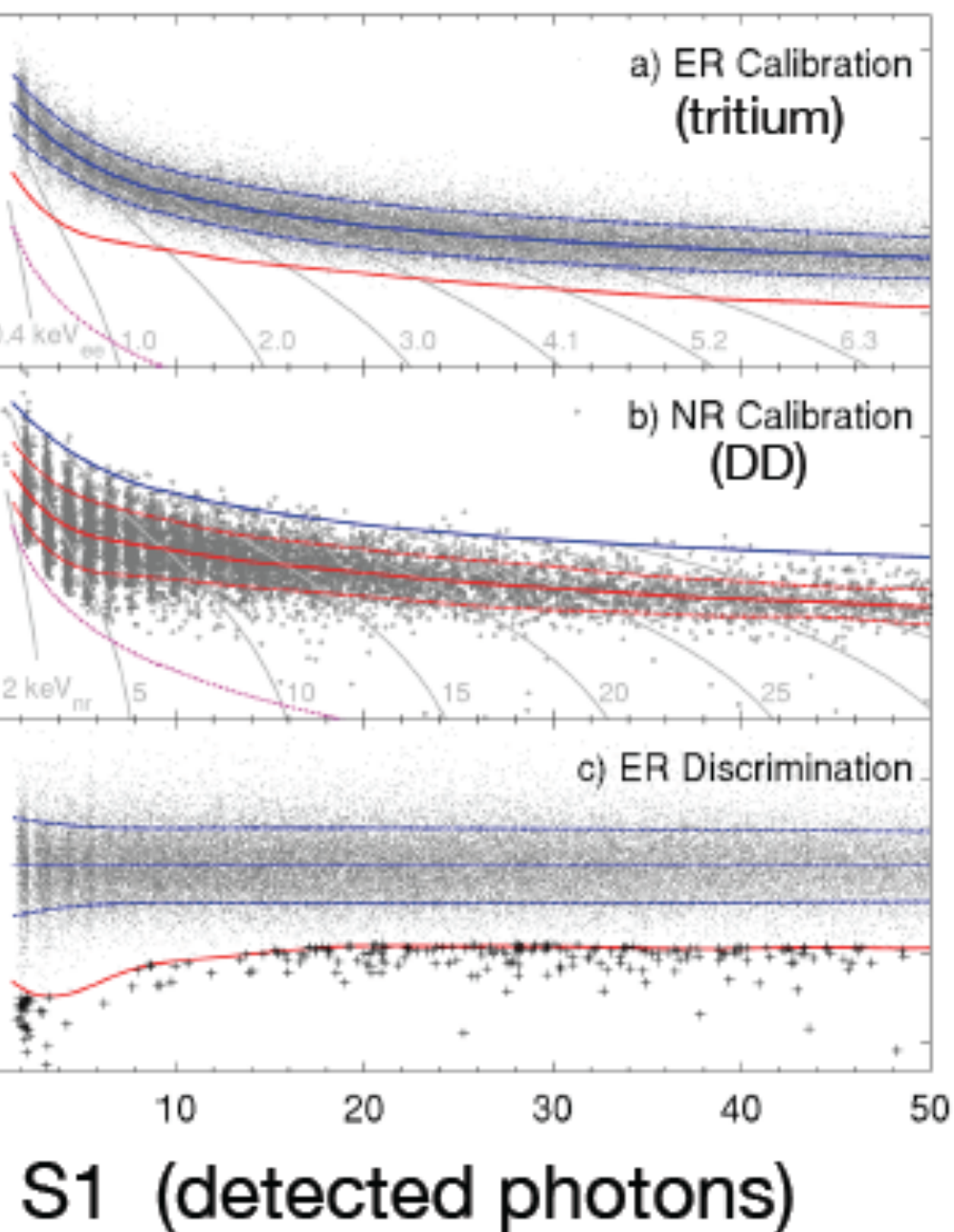
$$\left( \frac{S1}{E} \right) = \left( \frac{g_1}{W} \right) - \left( \frac{S2}{E} \right) \left( \frac{g_1}{g_2} \right)$$

result:

$$\langle S1 \rangle [\text{phd}] = [0.1167 \pm 0.003] n_\gamma$$

$$\langle S2 \rangle [\text{phd}] = [12.05 \pm 0.83] n_e$$

# Electron Recoil / Nuclear Recoil Discrimination





# Increased Fiducial Size and Detector Exposure

Final 10 live-days of data incorporated into analysis

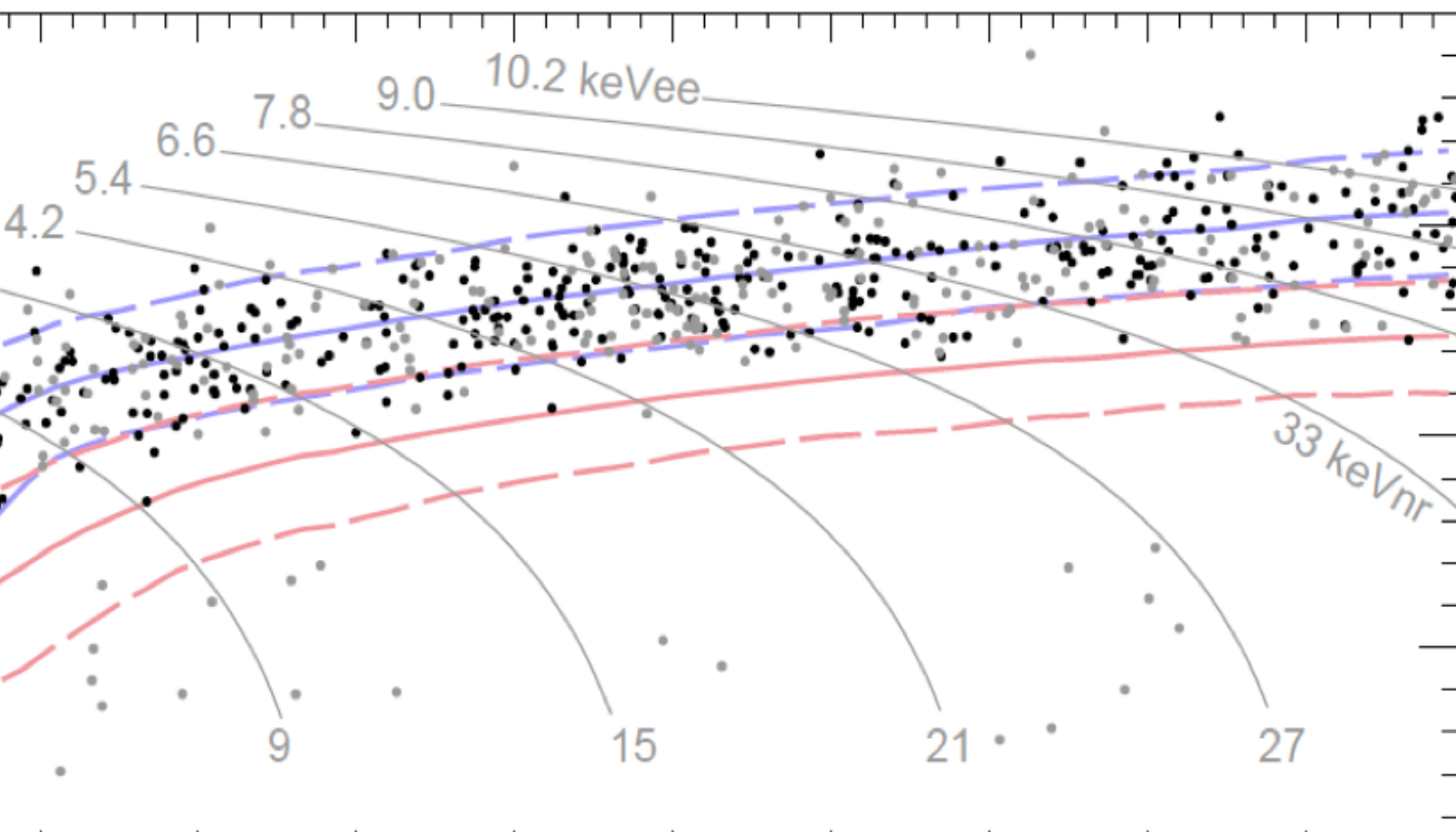
Increased fiducial volume enabled by modeling of background wall events

3: radius = 18 cm, fiducial mass = 118 kg

5: radius = 20 cm, fiducial mass = 145 kg

} Overall 40% increase in  
detector exposure

Selected range of S1 and S2 sizes:  $1 \text{ phd} < S1 < 50 \text{ phd}$ ,  $S2 > 150 \text{ phd}$



591 events observed  
589 events predicted  
background model

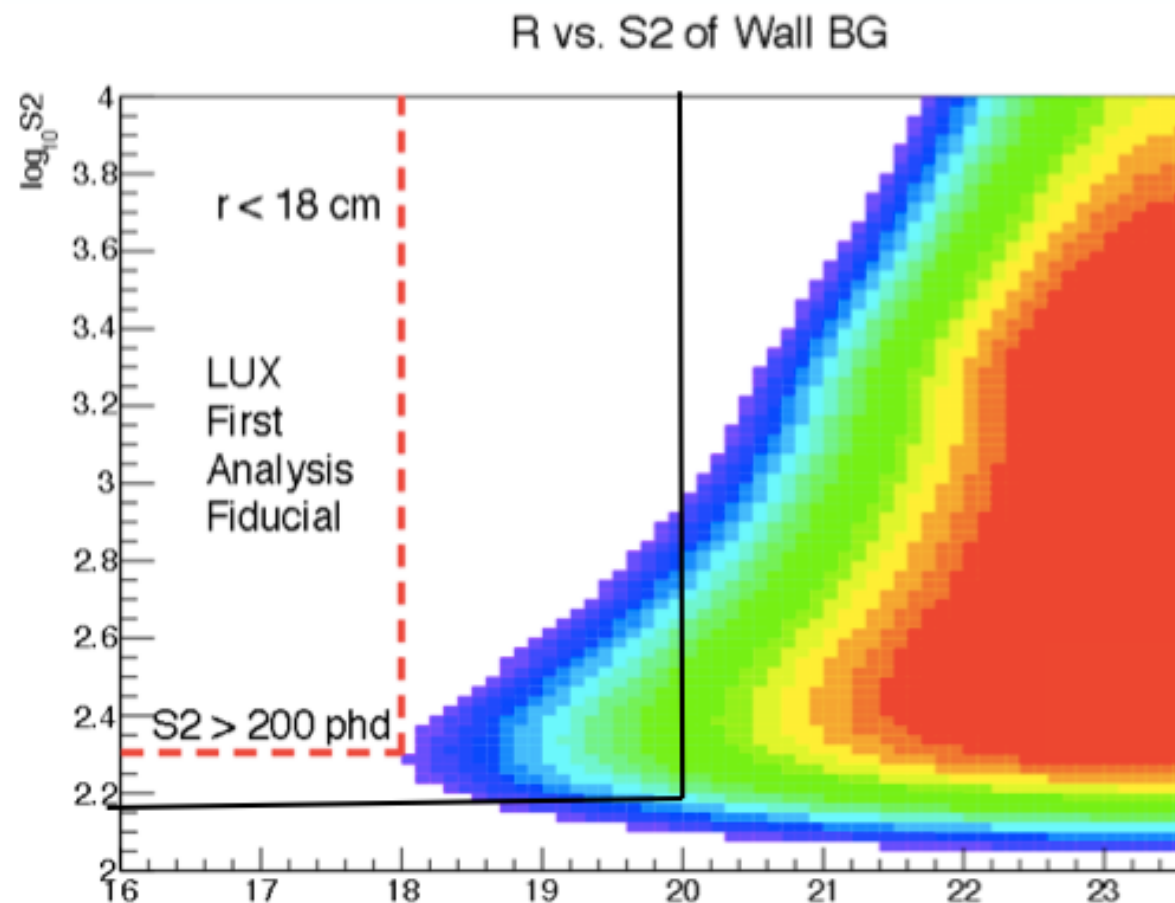
# Improvements to Background Model

dominant background: low-energy ER  
detector components + contaminants  
( $\alpha$ -daughters) in the Xe

improvements:

more detailed modeling of detector  
construction components

new events (e.g.  $^{222}\text{Rn}$  -  $^{206}\text{Pb}$  absorbed  
in PTFE) empirically modeled



dominant backgrounds, not included in the model:

undetected neutron background using revised cuts:  $0.08 \pm 0.01$  NR events

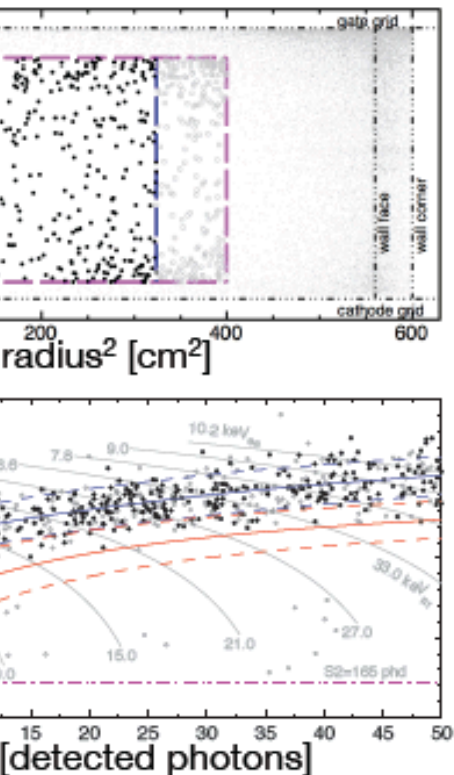
S2 coincidence: 1.1 total events

polar neutrino scattering: 0.10 total events

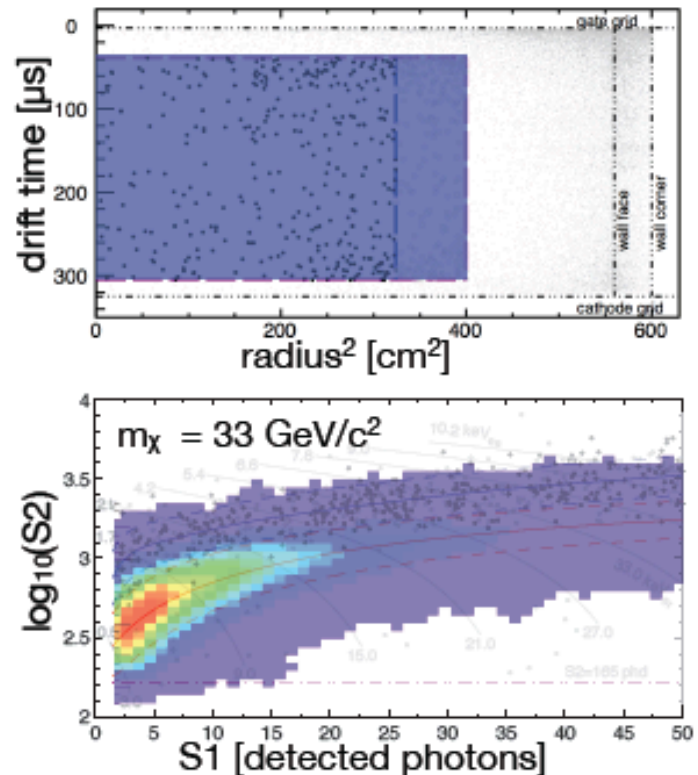
# Profile Likelihood Ratio in [r, z, S1, logS2]

Both ER and NR response is precisely calibrated, so PLR model uncertainties are small  
Dominant detector response uncertainties included, but have minimal effect on limits (<20% at all masses)

Exposure Events



Example WIMP Model

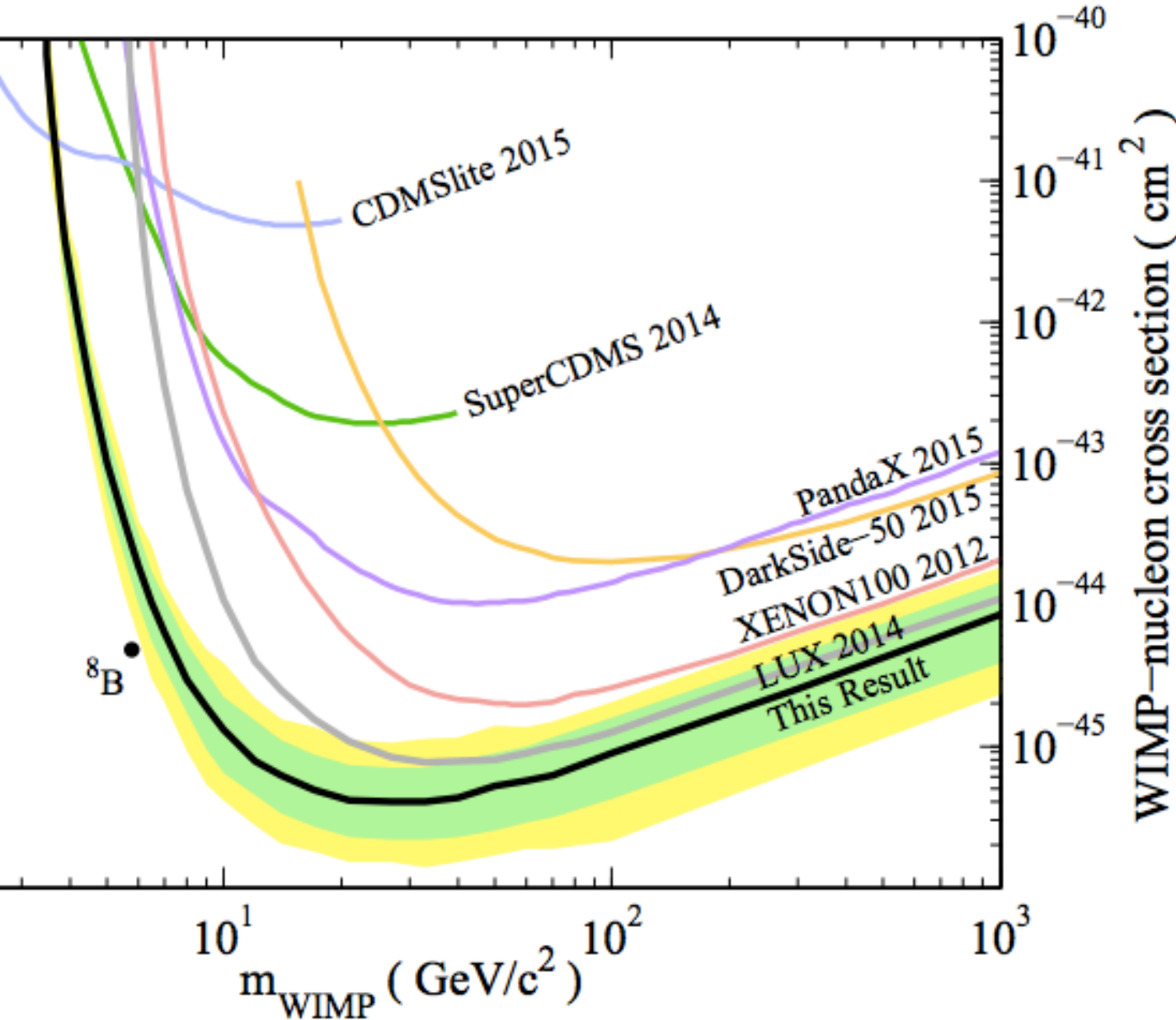


Parameter	Constraint
Lindhard $k$	$0.174 \pm 0.01$
S2 gain ratio: $g_{2,DD}/g_{2,WS}$	$0.94 \pm 0.02$
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Low- $z$ -origin $\gamma$ counts: $\mu_{\gamma, \text{bottom}}$	$172 \pm 7$
Other $\gamma$ counts: $\mu_{\gamma, \text{rest}}$	$247 \pm 10$
$\beta$ counts: $\mu_{\beta}$	$55 \pm 2$
$^{127}\text{Xe}$ counts: $\mu_{\text{Xe-127}}$	$91 \pm 2$
$^{37}\text{Ar}$ counts: $\mu_{\text{Ar-37}}$	-
Wall counts: $\mu_{\text{wall}}$	$24 \pm 7$

background rates



# LUX 2015 WIMP-Nucleon Interaction Limit



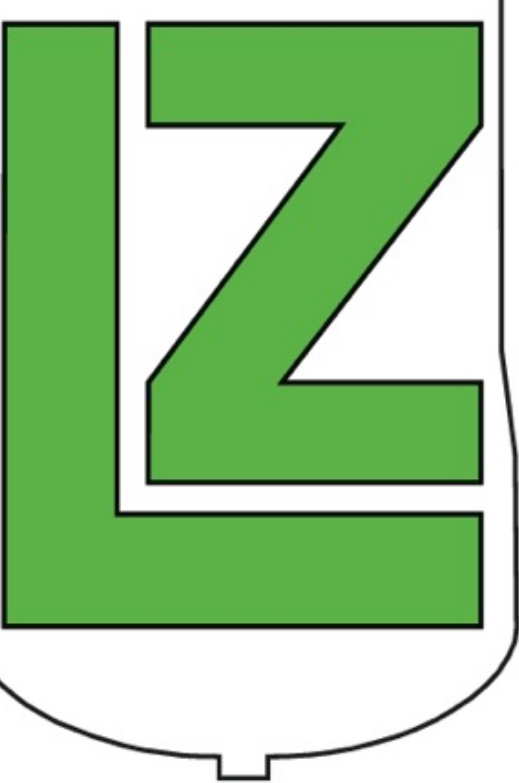
- Improved sensitivity for high-mass WIMPs over LUX 2014 result
- Minimum kinematically accessible mass 3.3 GeV (compare to 5.2 GeV for LUX 2014)
- 23% improvement in sensitivity at high-mass WIMPs

New minimum spin-independent cross section limit:  
 $6 \times 10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2$  (0.6 zb) for 33-GeV WIMPs

# LUX-ZEPLIN







LZ = LUX + ZEPLIN

2 institutions currently  
about 200 people

for Underground Physics (Korea)

mbra (Portugal)

Russia)

gh University (UK)

ty of Liverpool (UK)

College London (UK)

ty College London (UK)

ty of Oxford (UK)

University of Alabama

University at Albany SUNY

Berkeley Lab (LBNL)

University of California, Berkeley

Brookhaven National Laboratory

Brown University

University of California, Davis

Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory

Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics & Cosmo

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

University of Maryland

University of Michigan

Northwestern University

University of Rochester

University of California, Santa Barbara

University of South Dakota

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

South Dakota Science and Technology Authority

SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

Texas A&M

Washington University



Scale Up  $\approx 50$  in Fiducial Mass

**LZ**

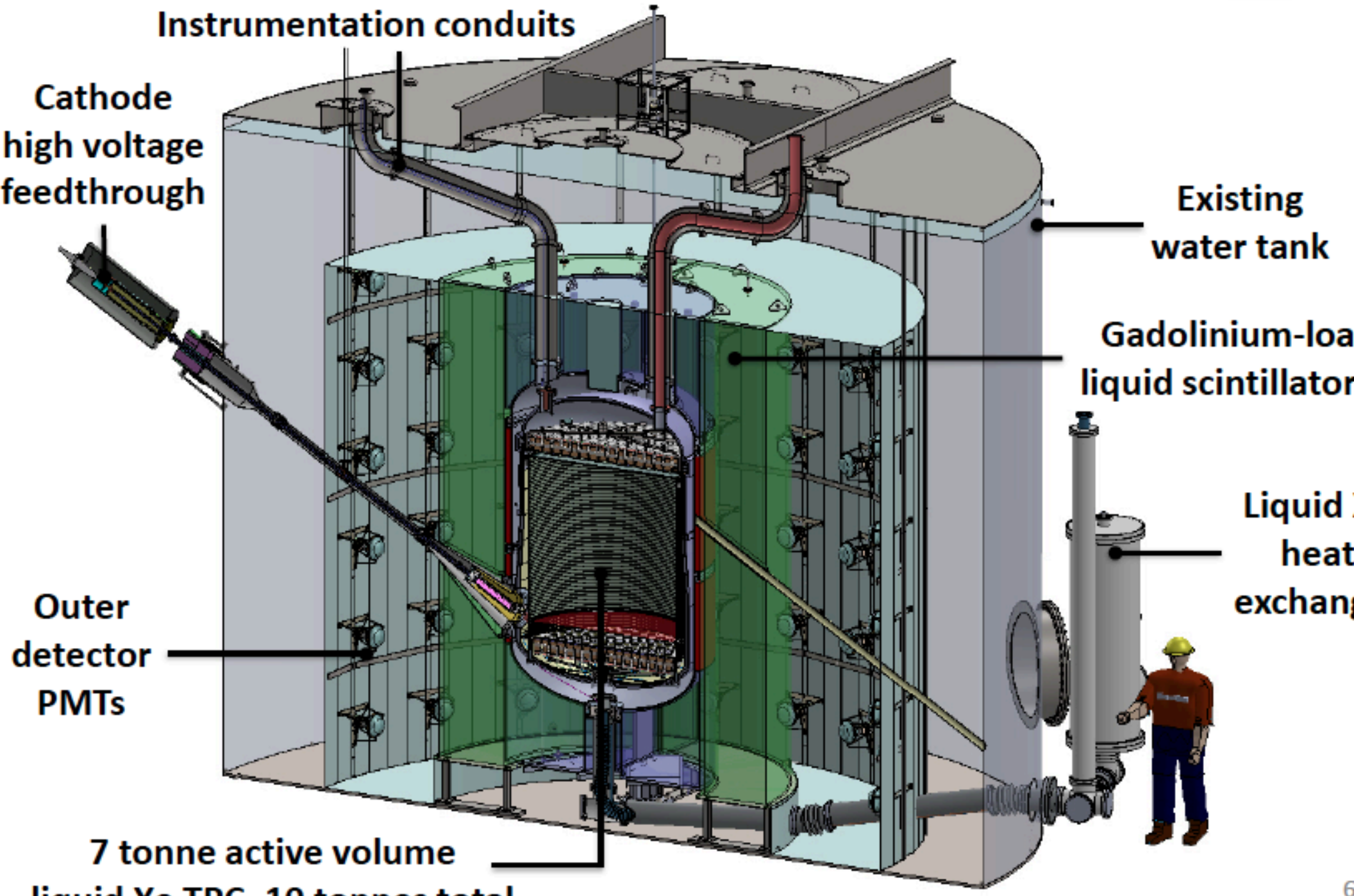
Mass – 10 T

Fiducial Mass – 7 T

Fiducial Mass – 5.6 T



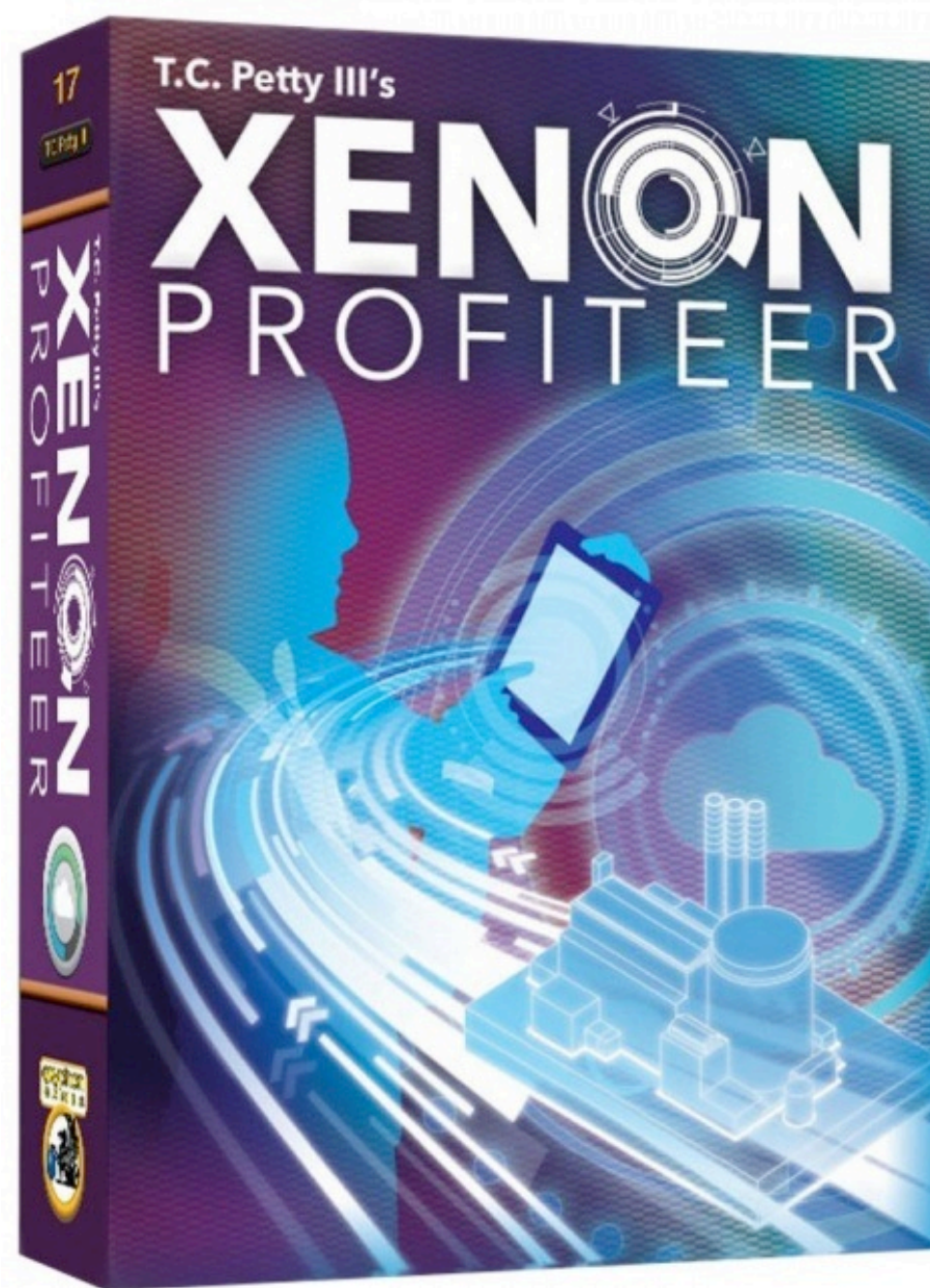
# LZ Detector Overview





In Xenon Profiteer, you use your entrepreneurial spirit and an Air Separation facility to isolate valuable Xenon and make a profit.

**Xenon Profiteer** is a highly thematic, construction, euro game for 2-4 players in which each player takes their own Air Separation Facility and Xenon from their Systems to complete creative contracts. You will also expand your facility by building pipelines, and acquiring new components and connecting them to your system.





# Key Design Points

active tonnes of LXe can yield  $2 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$  sensitivity in about three years of running

5 tonne fiducial volume, 1000 days

requires all detector systems working together

Xe detector with good light collection, reasonable background rejection (ER discrimination) and good signal detection efficiency

Sophisticated veto system: skin (outside active Xe region) + scintillator water allows maximum fiducial volume to be obtained, maximizes use of Xe and substantially increases reliability of background measurements

Control backgrounds, both internal (within the Xe) and external from detector components/environment

# Design Status Summary

conceptual, and in some cases more advanced design, completed for all aspects of detector

Conceptual Design Report can be viewed on arXiv

Acquisition of Xenon started

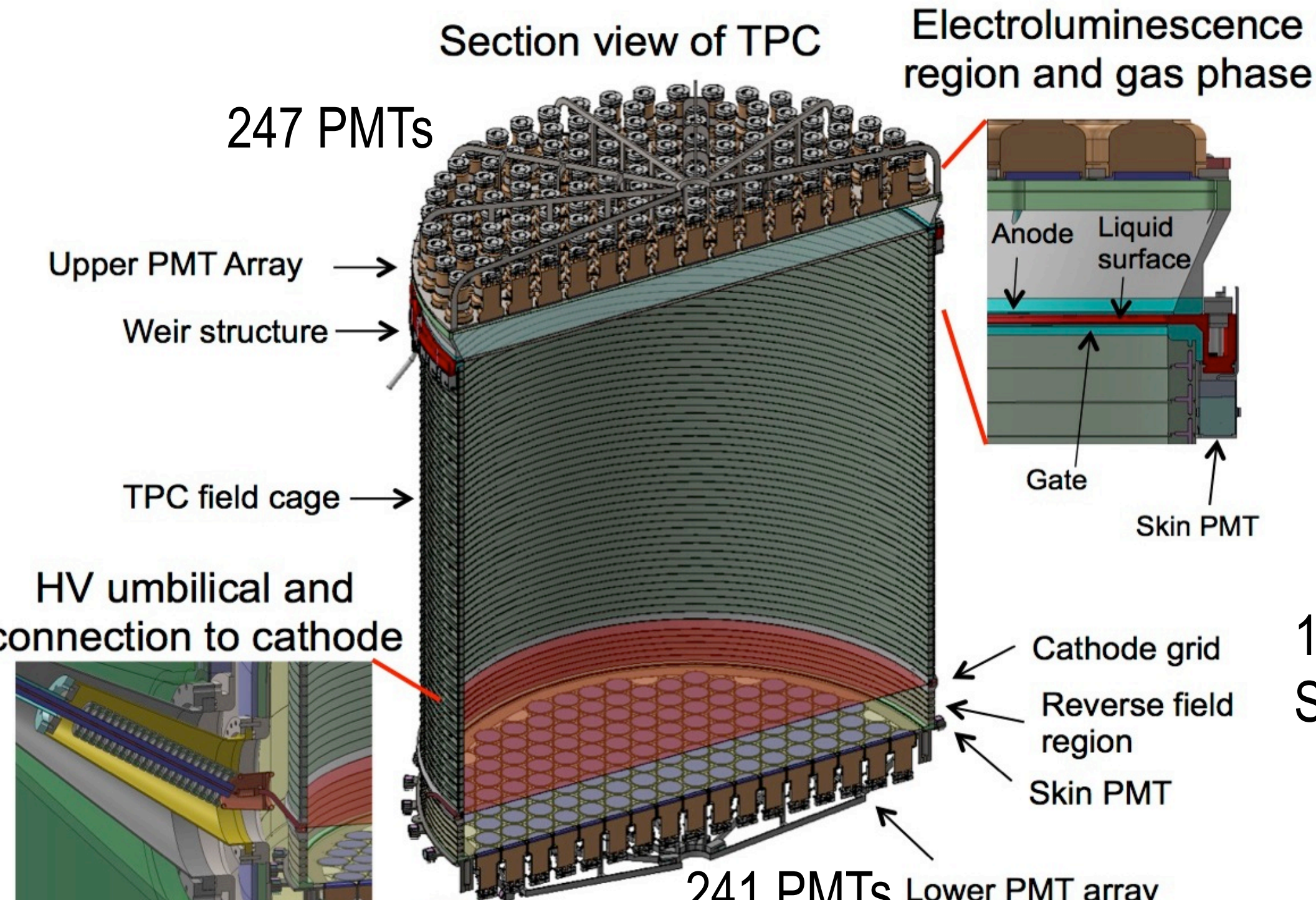
Procurement of PMTs and cryostat started

Collaboration – wide prototype program underway

Guide and validate design

Backgrounds modeling and validation well underway

# Xe TPC Detector

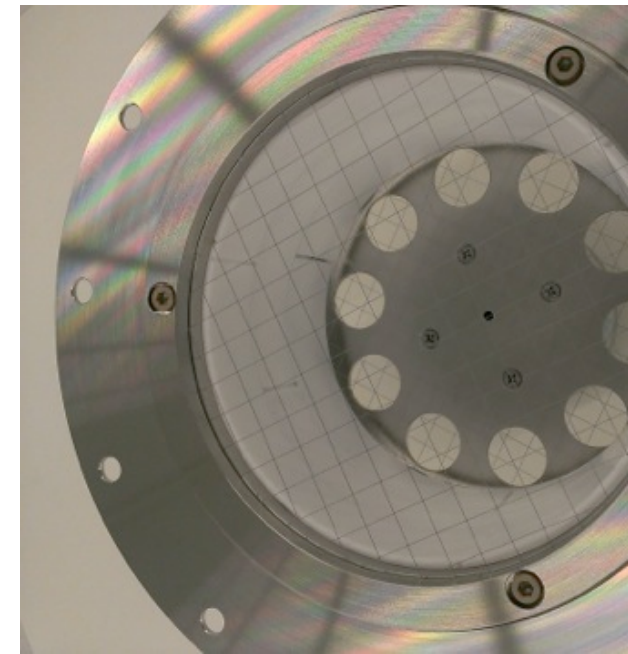
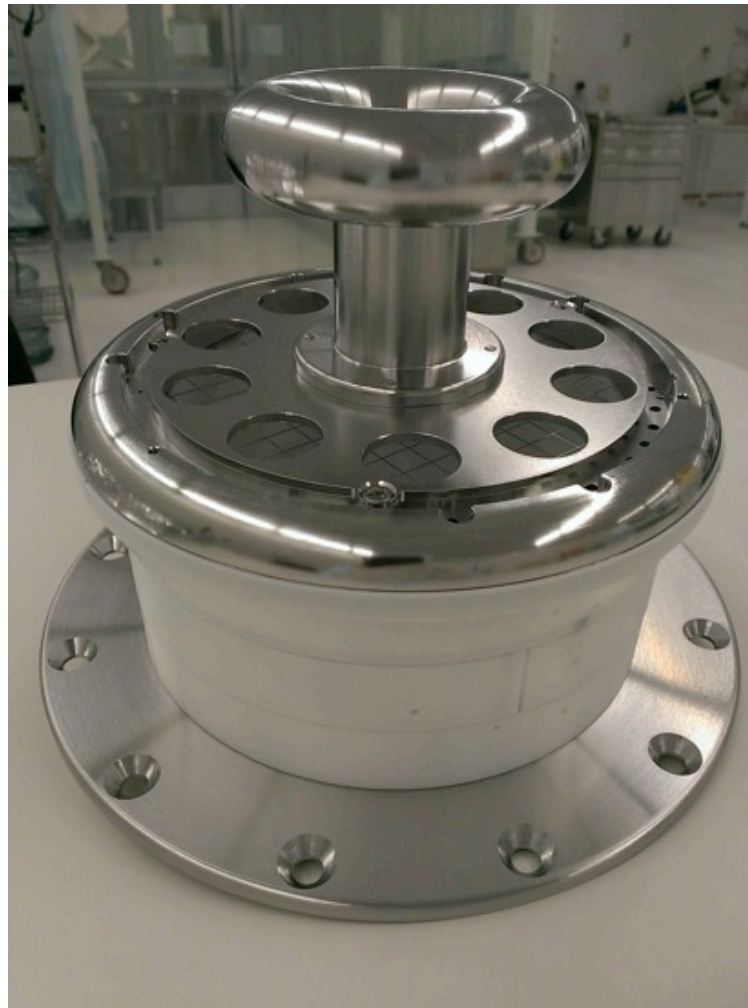




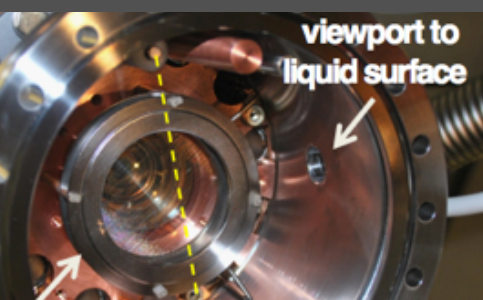
# High Voltage Studies



grid tests ongoing



Prototype of highest  
region tested in LA



- ◆ LZ cathode nominal operating goal: 100 kV ( $\sim 700$  V/cm)
- ◆ Feedthrough prototype tested to 200 kV
- ◆ Prototype TPC for 100 kg LXe system being tested at SLAC
- ◆ HV prototyping expanding at Berkeley

# Extensive Calibration

LUX has led the way to detailed calibrations. LZ will build on this and do more.

Done in LUX and will be done in LZ	Not done in LUX, but will do in LZ
(routine, roughly weekly)	Activated Xe ( $^{129\text{m}}\text{Xe}$ and $^{131\text{m}}\text{Xe}$ )
Activated methane (every few months)	$^{220}\text{Rn}$
External radioisotope neutron sources	AmLi
External radioisotope gamma sources	YBe
Neutron generator(upgraded early next year to shorten pulse)	

# Cryostat Vessels

responsibility

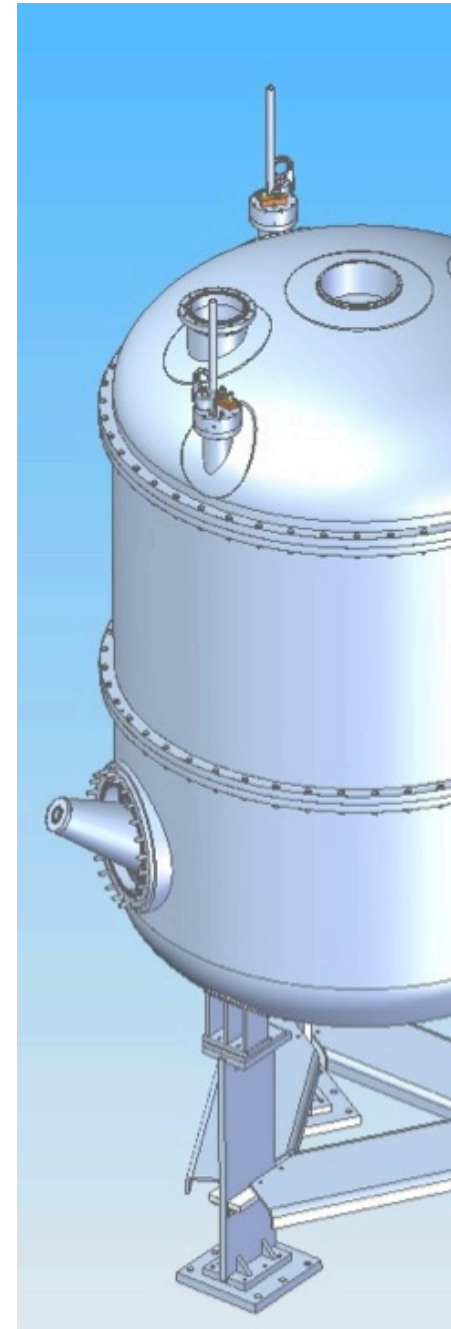
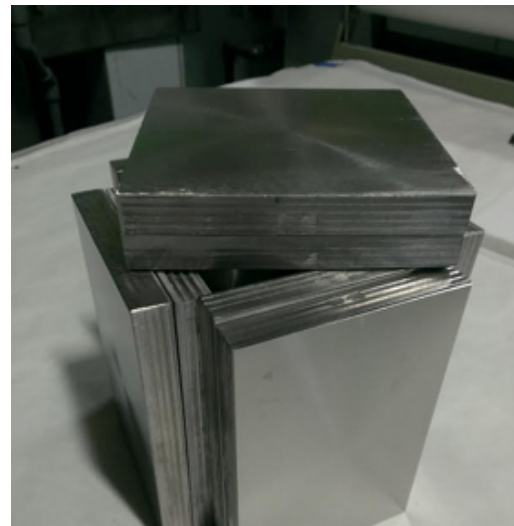
y background Ti chosen as cryostat material

on Ti slab for all vessels (and other parts)

eived and assayed

tributes  $< 0.05$  NR+ER counts in fiducial

ume in 1,000 days after cuts



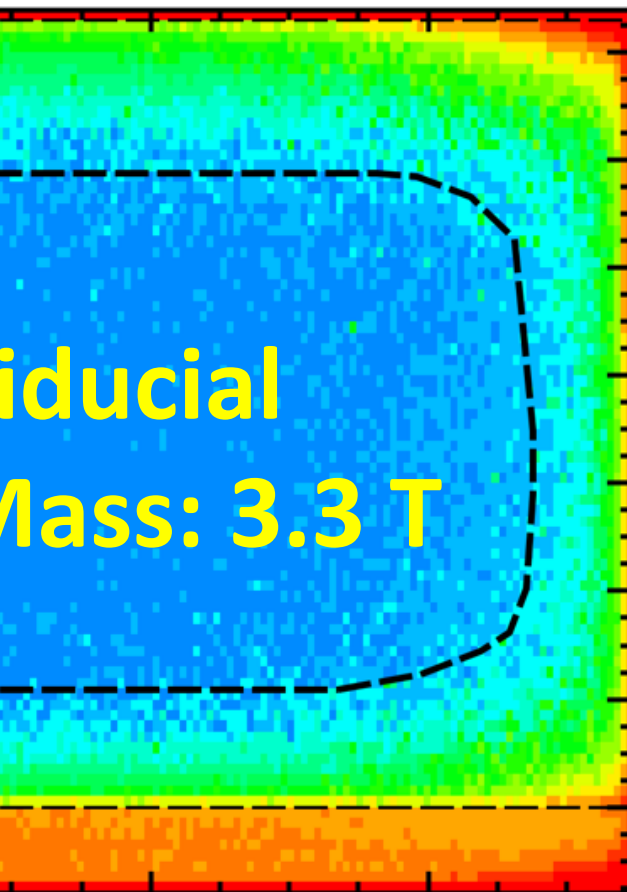


# How to maximize the WIMP target mass

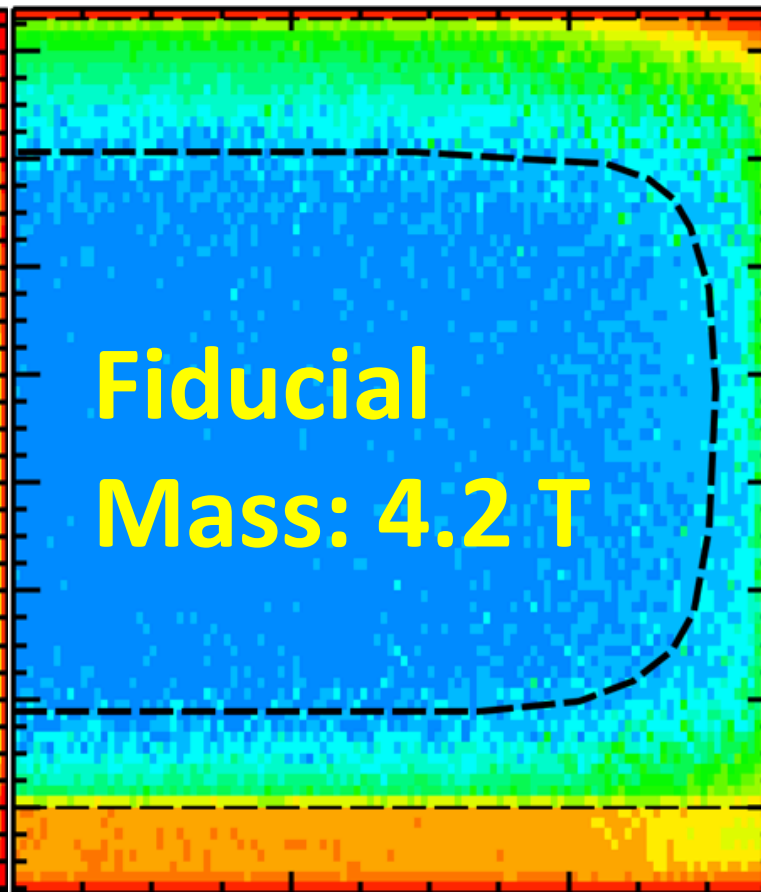
Two-component outer detector:  
0.75 m thick Gd-loaded scintillator  
Instrumented Xenon "skin"  
tag neutrons and gammas

*in-situ* monitoring of  
residual backgrounds!!!

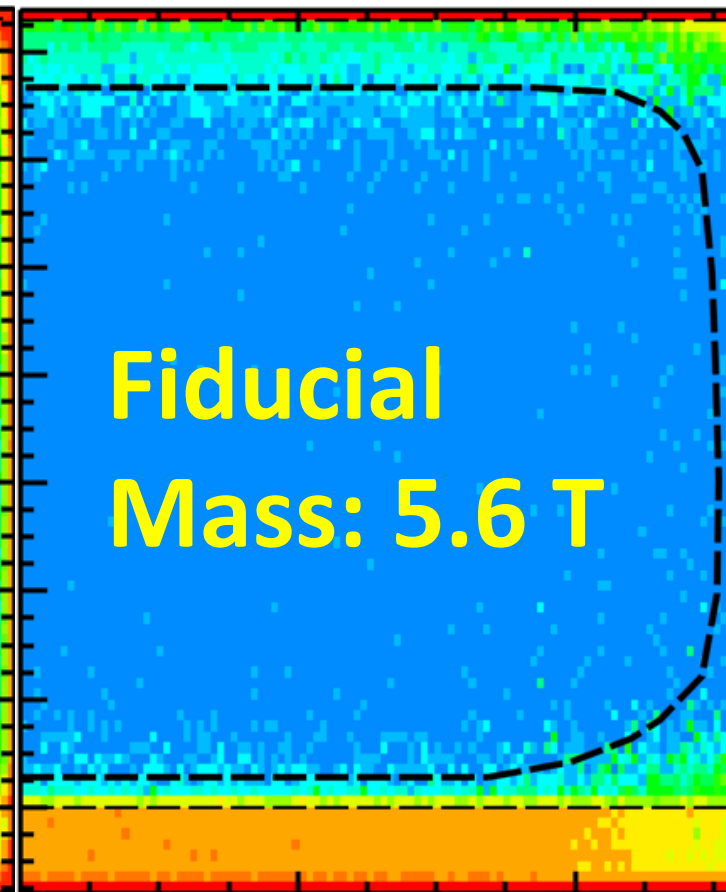
**Xe-TPC Only**



**Xe-TPC + "skin"**



**TPC + skin + Gd-sci**

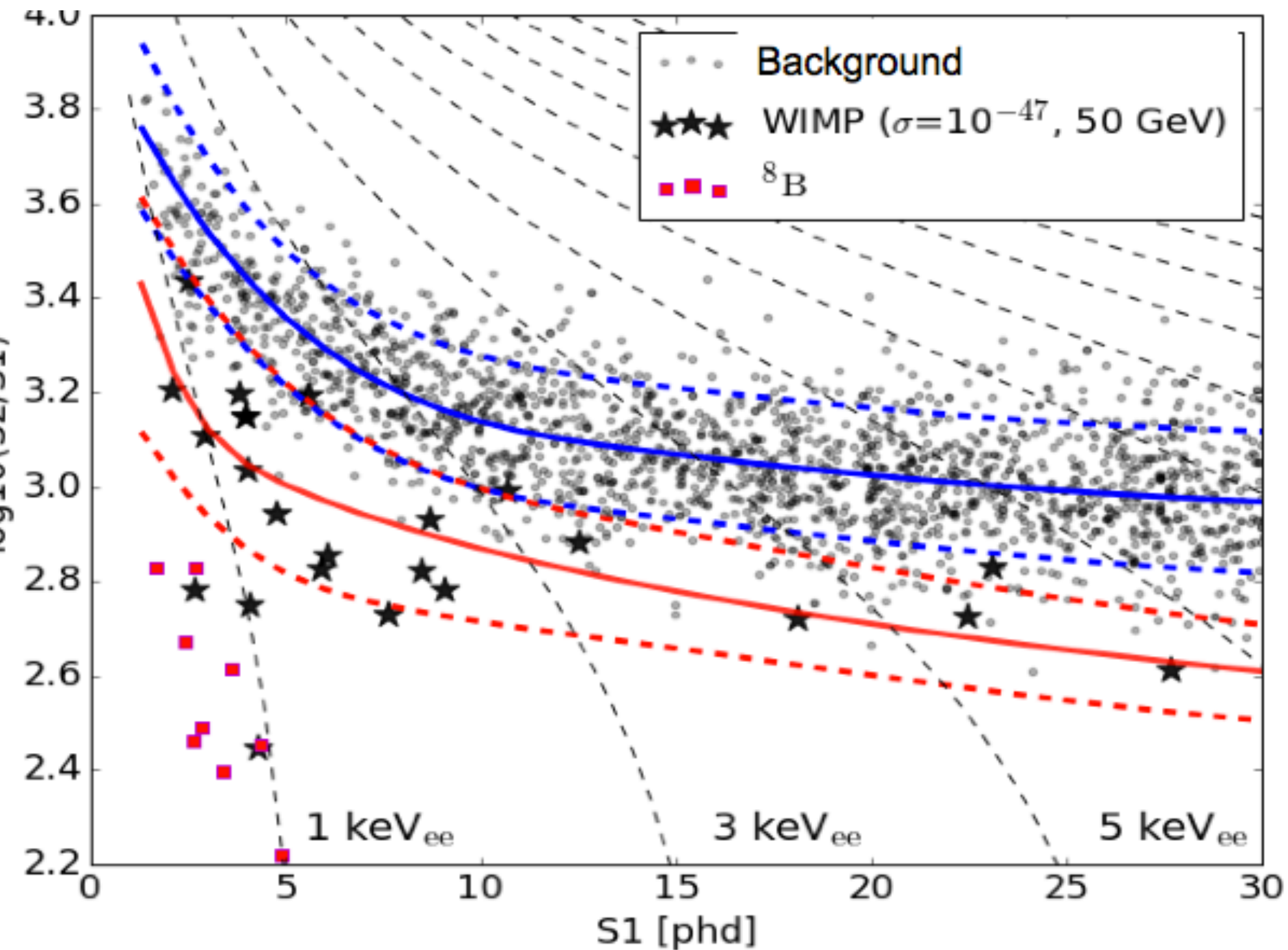


# LZ Projected Backgrounds

ected backgrounds for 5.6 T fiducial - 1,000 days

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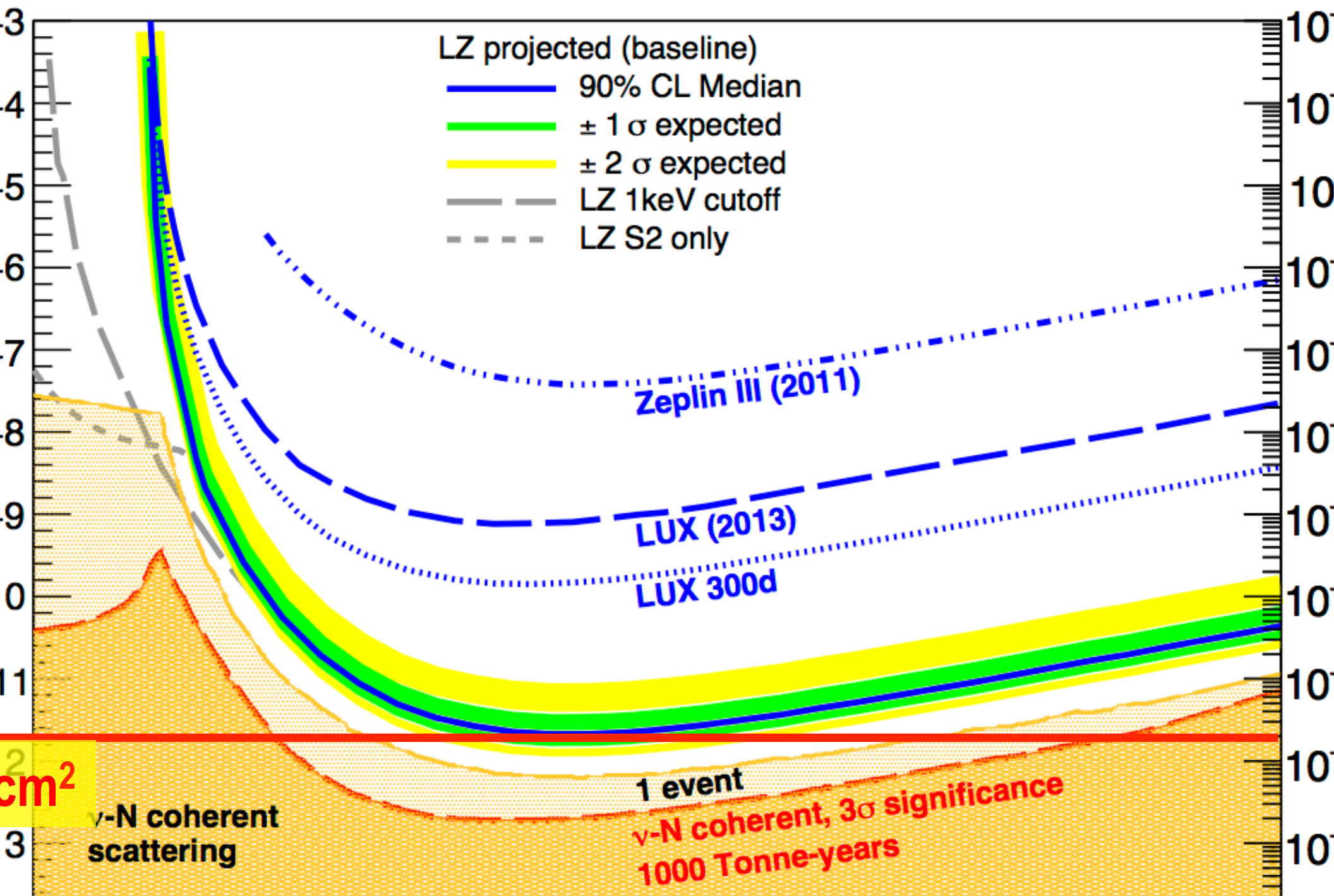
# Example LZ Exposure



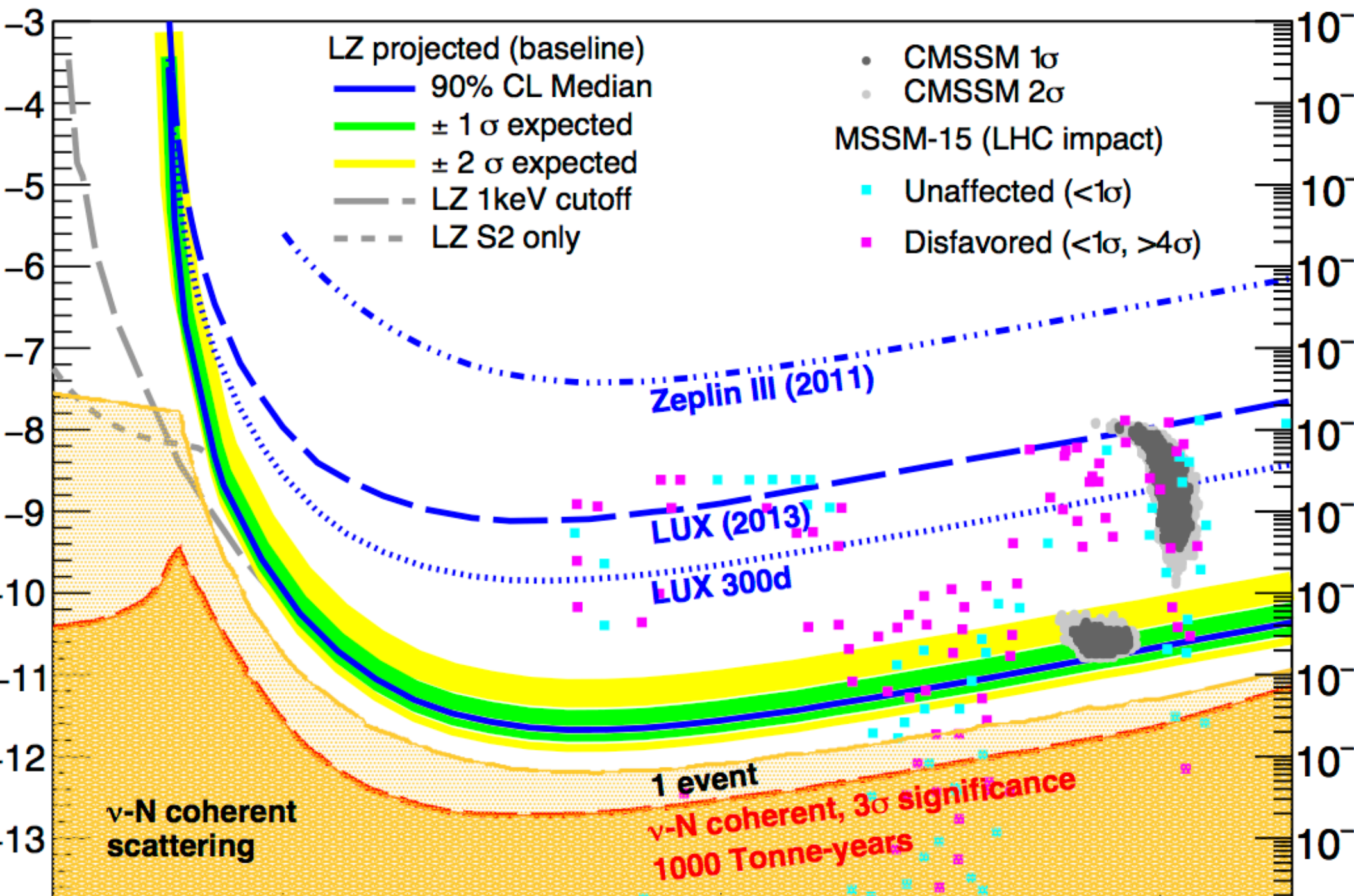


# Projected sensitivity - spin independent

(LZ 5.6 Tonnes, 1000 live days, 6 keV<sub>nr</sub> analysis threshold)



# Sensitivity with SUSY Theories



# Neutrino Physics with LZ

## Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay of $^{136}\text{Xe}$

Use self-shielding to reduce gamma-ray backgrounds in a 1-2 tonne fiducial mass  
Projected sensitivity: 90% confidence level  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$  of  $2 \times 10^{26}$  years  
Enriching the Xe target could increase this to  $\sim 2 \times 10^{27}$  years  
Current limit is  $2.6 \times 10^{25}$  years (preliminary) from KamLAND-Zen

## Internal Neutrino Physics

### Solar neutrinos

Expect about 850 pp neutrino events between 1.5 and 20  $\text{keV}_{ee}$

### Supernova neutrinos

Via flavor-blind coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering

For a 10 kpc SN, LZ would see about 50 events with energy  $> 6 \text{ keV}_{nr}$  and 100 events  $> 3$

### Sterile neutrinos

Could use a 5 MCi  $^{51}\text{Cr}$  source near LZ

Excellent position reconstruction for better source normalization, higher sterile neutrino masses.

### Neutrino magnetic moment

Sensitivity near astrophysical limit of  $2 \times 10^{-12}$  Bohr magnetons.



What is  $0\nu\beta\beta$ :

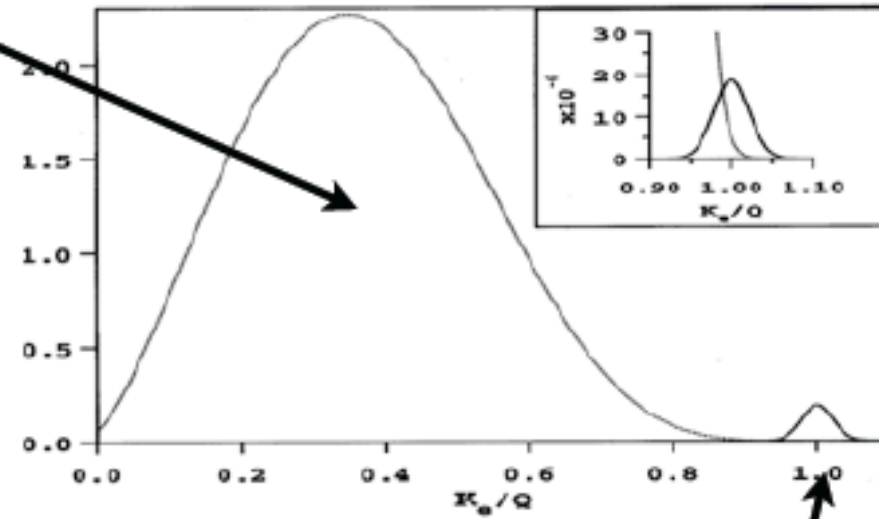
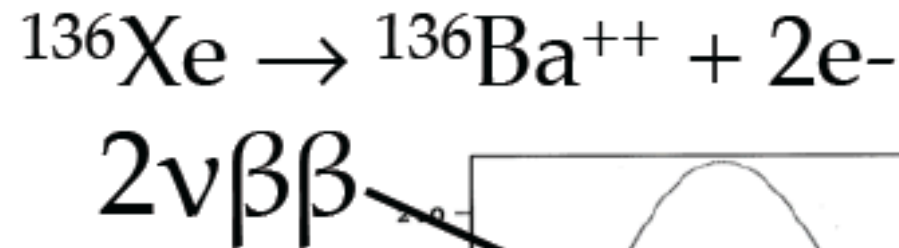
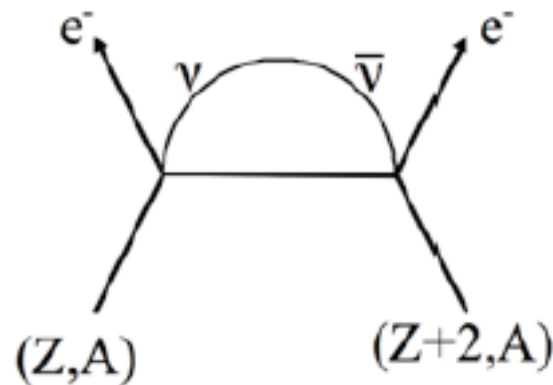


Figure from Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 2002. 52:115–51

- Happens only if the  $\nu_e$  is its own anti-particle (Majorana particle)
- Discovery implies
  - existence of Majorana particles
  - lepton number violation
  - B-L violation

- **Signal: mono-energetic, single site peak at 2458 keV**

$0\nu\beta$

# Keys to Sensitivity

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- Large mass of isotope
  - To measure  $> 10^{25}$  year half-life, need  $> 10^{25}$  particles
- Low-background at Q-value
  - Signal is small compared to typical ambient radioactivity
- Energy resolution at Q-value
- Multiple scatter rejection
  - Main backgrounds are gamma which prefer to Compton scatter or pair-produce

- 7 tons of active xenon  $\Rightarrow$  620 kg  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  (8.9% of natural Xe)
- Very low backgrounds
- Low-gain DAQ channel for dynamic range
- Use tight fiducial cut ( $\geq 2$  tons) to reduce backgrounds
- Xe TPCs have strong multiple scatter rejection capabilities (Compton scatters and pair-production dominate for  $> 1$  MeV gammas)
- Punchline: with **NO ADDITIONAL UPGRADES** LZ can be a competitive search for  $0\nu\beta\beta$



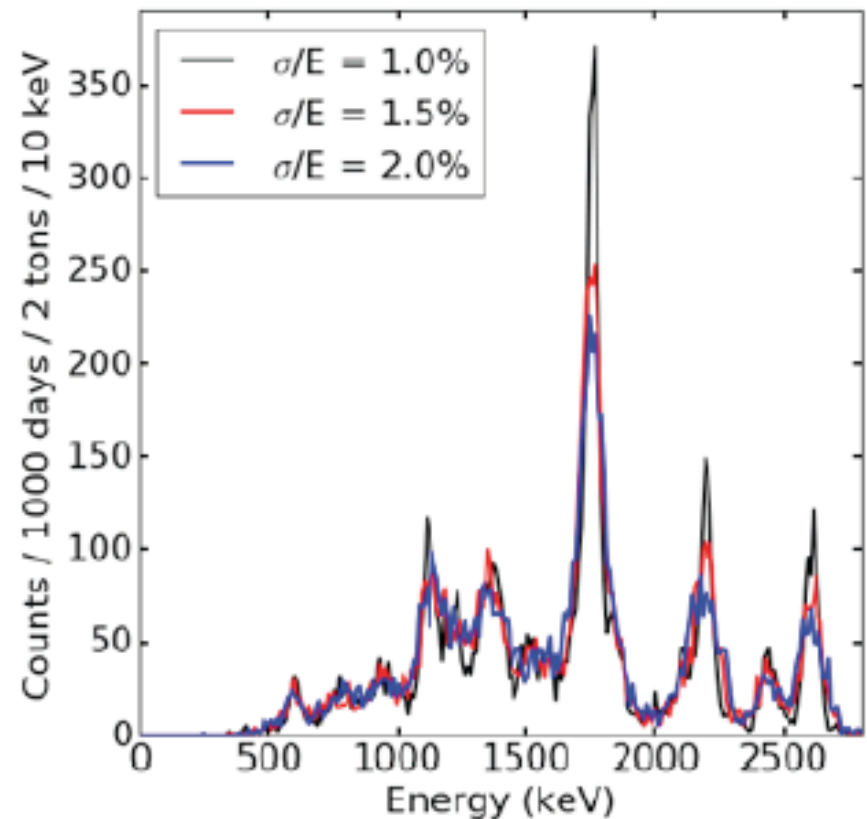
# Energy Resolution ( $\sigma/E$ )

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- EXO-200 experiment: 1.5% (@ 2.458 MeV, noise dominated)
- PiXeY detector: 0.8% (@ 2.615 MeV)
- MiX detector: 1.0% (@ 1.33 MeV)
- LZ Requirement R-150004: 2.0% @ 2. MeV

# Backgrounds

- Main background comes from Xe vessels and insulation
- Background from from vessel dominate
- Table is for 2-ton exposure,  $\pm 2 \sigma$  window for 1000 days
  - **NOT** using optimized fiducial volume

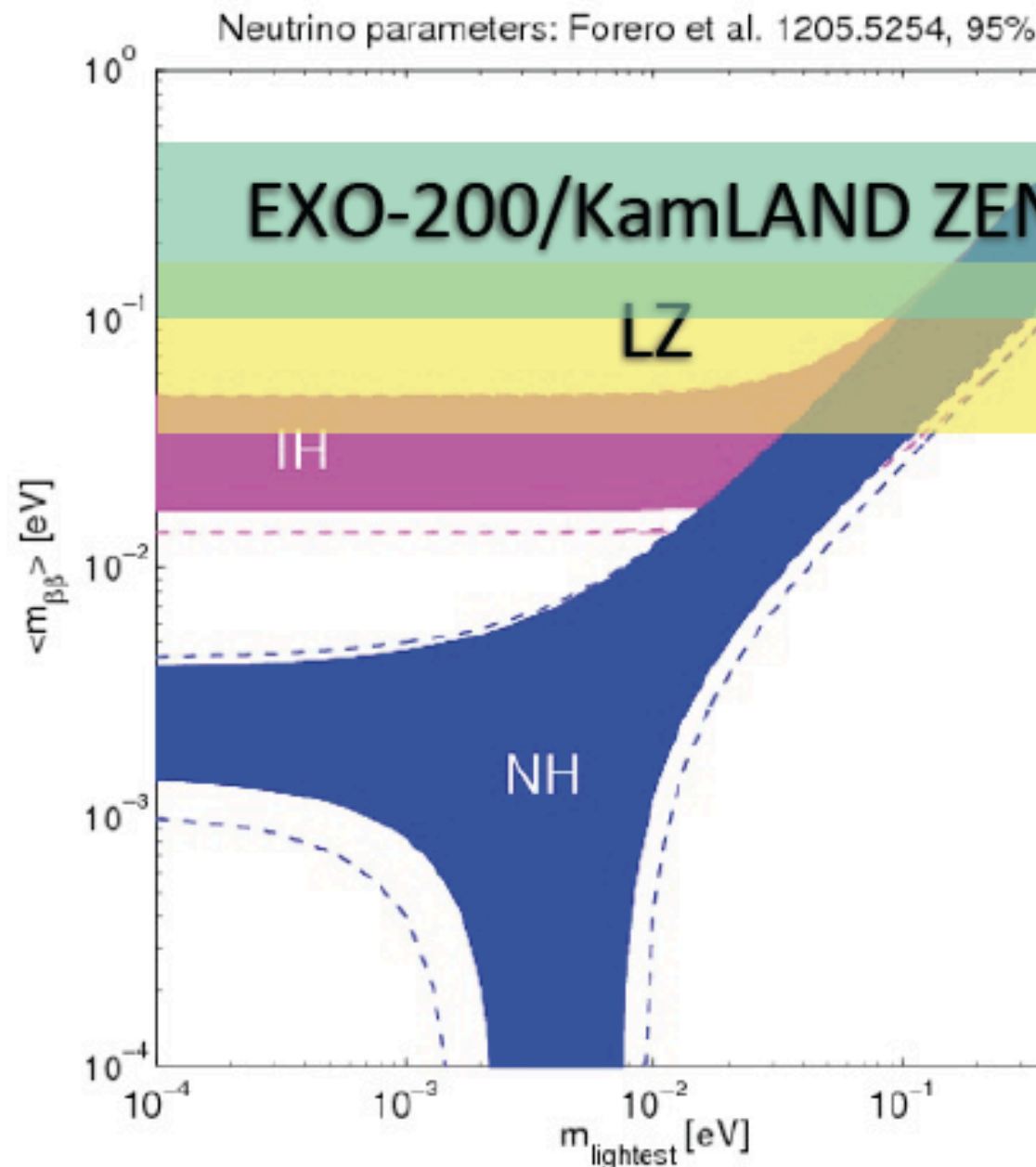


Item	1.0% $\sigma/E$	1.5% $\sigma/E$	2.0% $\sigma/E$
TPC PMTs	< .01	0.05	0.18
Skin PMTs	< .01	0.02	0.02
Xe Vessels	2.5	2.7	3.2
Vessel Seals	< .01	< .01	0.03

# Sensitivity

	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%
Life	$4.0 \times 10^{26}$ years	$2.5 \times 10^{26}$ years	$1.8 \times 10^{26}$ years
Neutrino mass	35-110 meV	45-140 meV	60-160 meV

Limits based on Feldman-Cousins cut-and-count analysis on an optimized fiducial volume (for each scenario)





# LZ Timeline (latest following budget reprofiling)

Month	Activity
March	LZ (LUX-ZEPLIN) collaboration formed
May	First Collaboration Meeting
September	DOE CD-0 for G2 dark matter experiments
November	LZ R&D report submitted
July	LZ Project selected in US and UK
April	DOE CD-1/3a approval, similar in UK Begin long-lead procurements(Xe, PMT, cryo)
April	DOE CD-2/3b approval, baseline, all fab start
June	Begin preparations for surface assembly @
July	Begin underground installation

# Conclusions

- LXe is the pre-eminent target for WIMPs of mass  $> 4$  GeV.
- New LUX analysis reaches a 90% exclusion limit of  $6 \times 10^{-46}$
- The LXe 2-phase approach benefits from continued improvement in calibration techniques and understanding of background
- The LZ Project is well underway, with procurement of Xe, P and cryostat vessels started
- LZ commissioning to begin in 2019
- Extensive prototype program underway
- LZ sensitivity expected to reach  $1-2 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$

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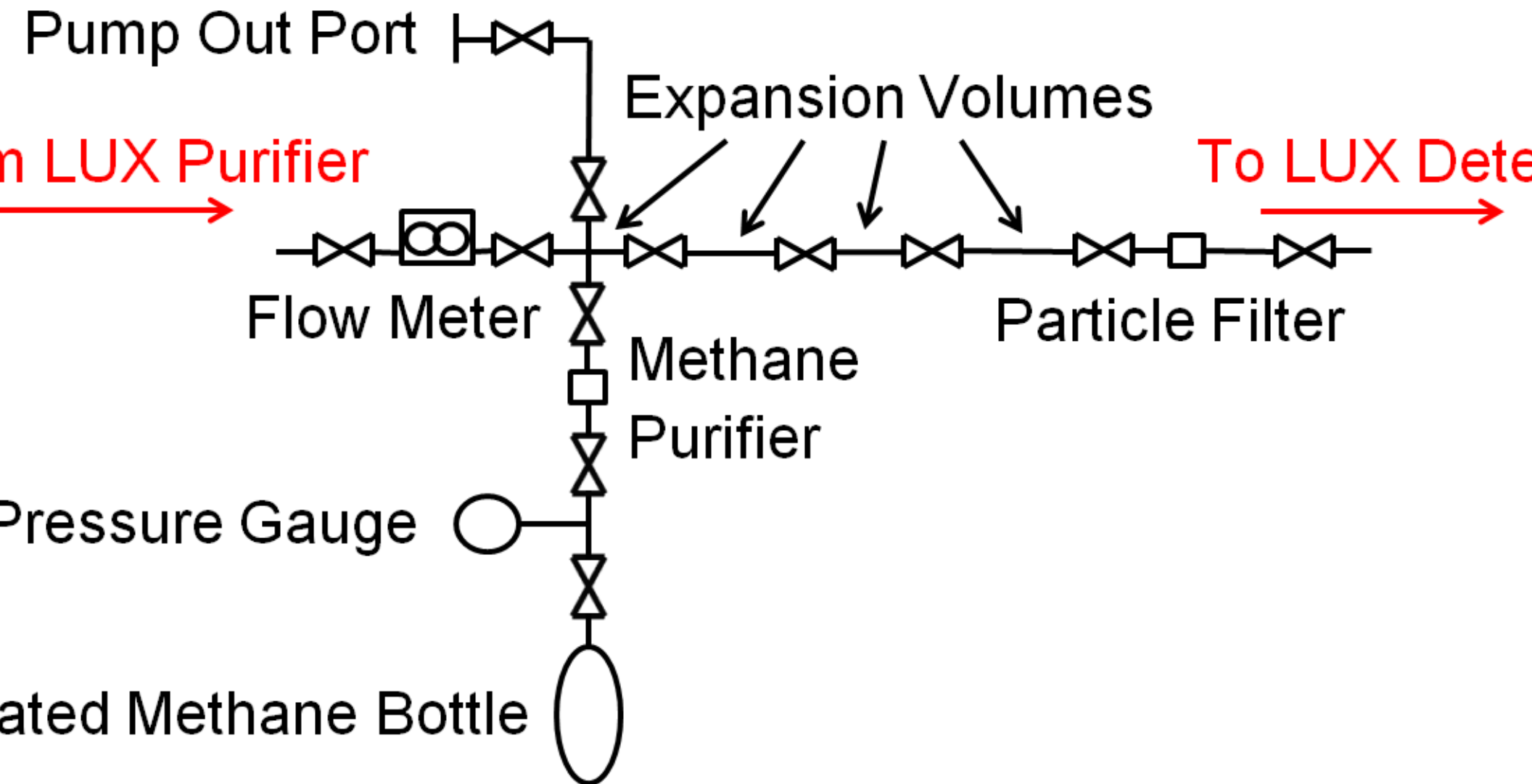
when the liquid xenon flashes in the time projection chamber  
k Matter is passing through.

*DM and Eva Allan*

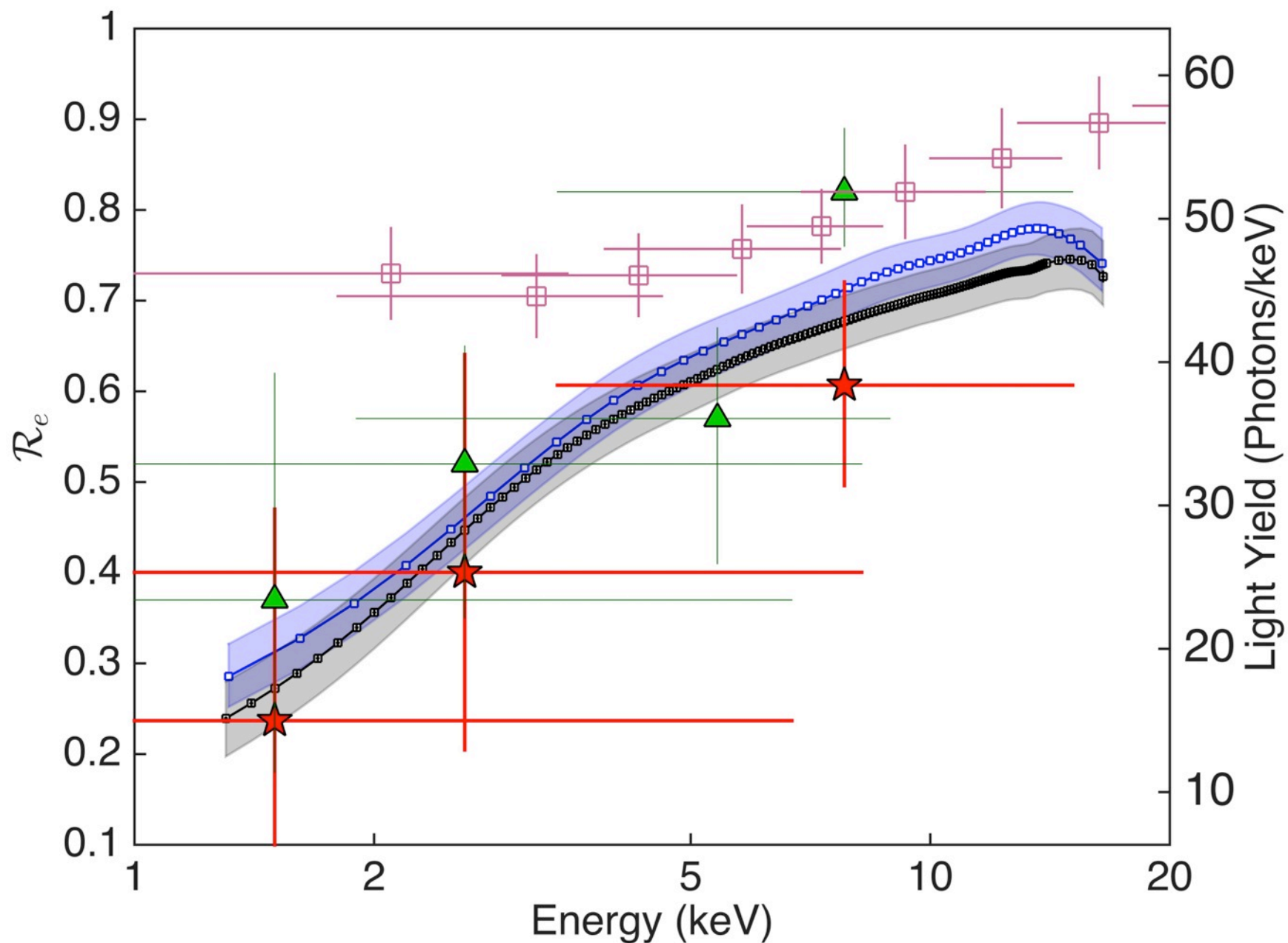
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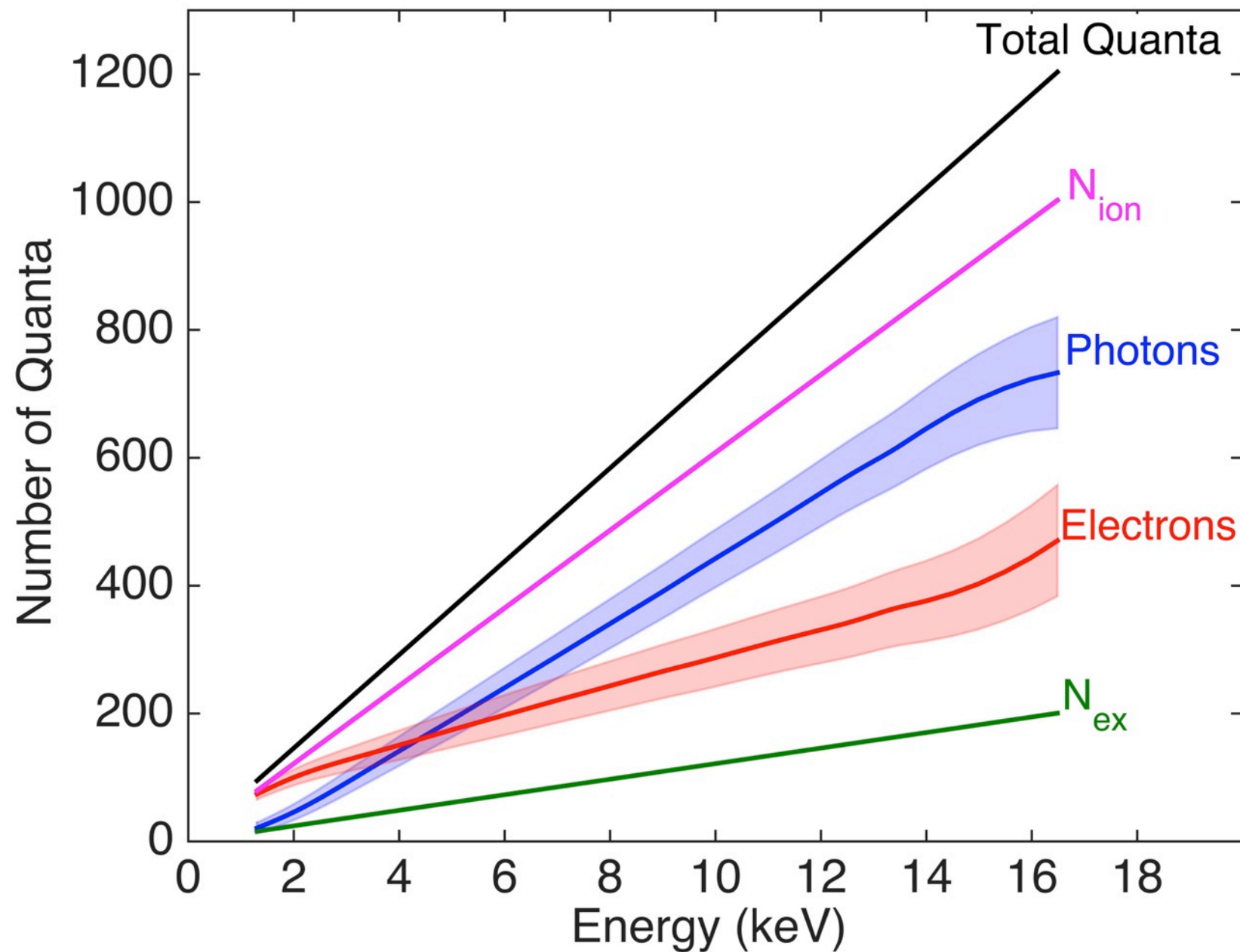
# Tritiated Methane injection system



# Recombination and Light Yield



# Stellar Quanta (electrons + photons) for electron recoils in LXe

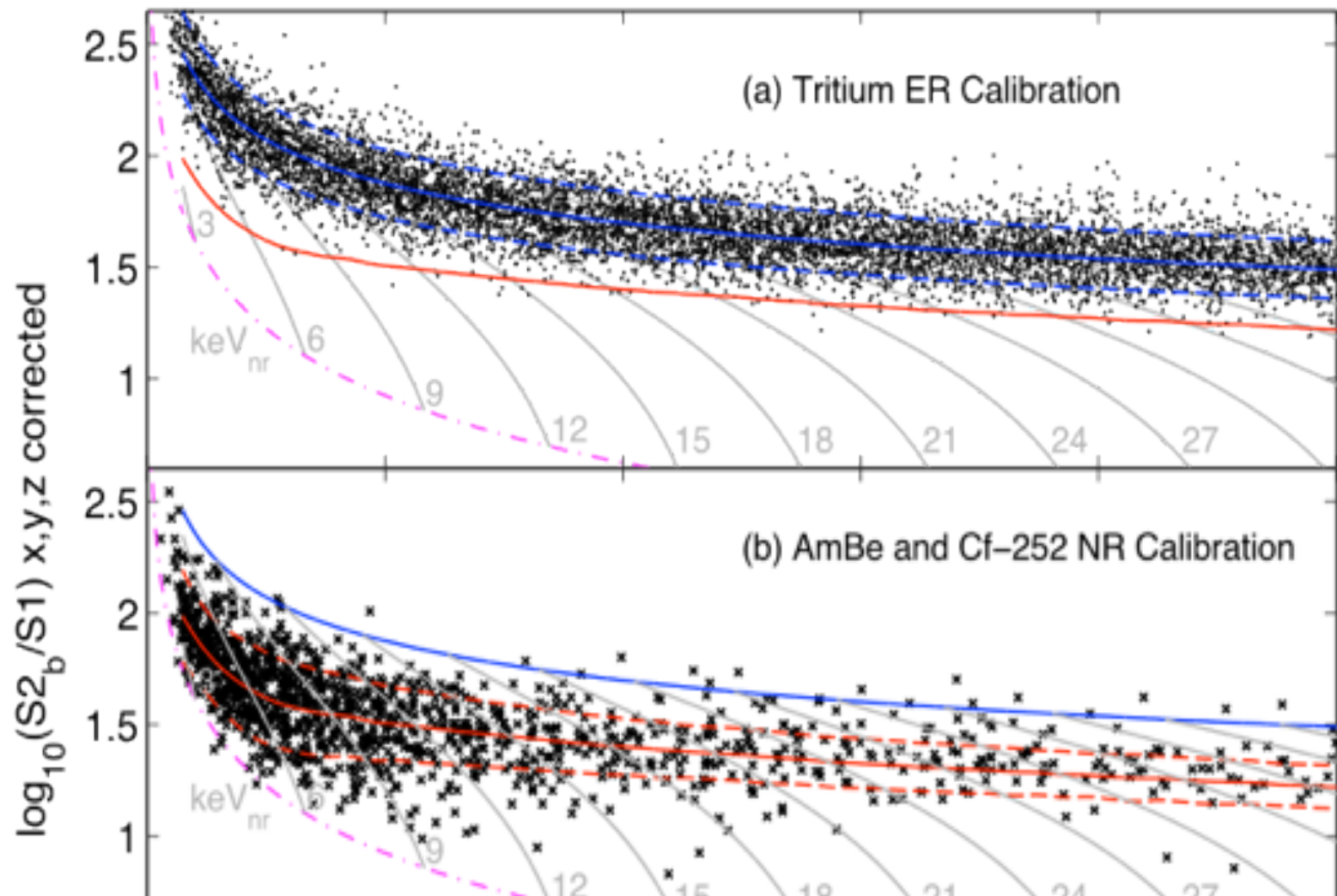


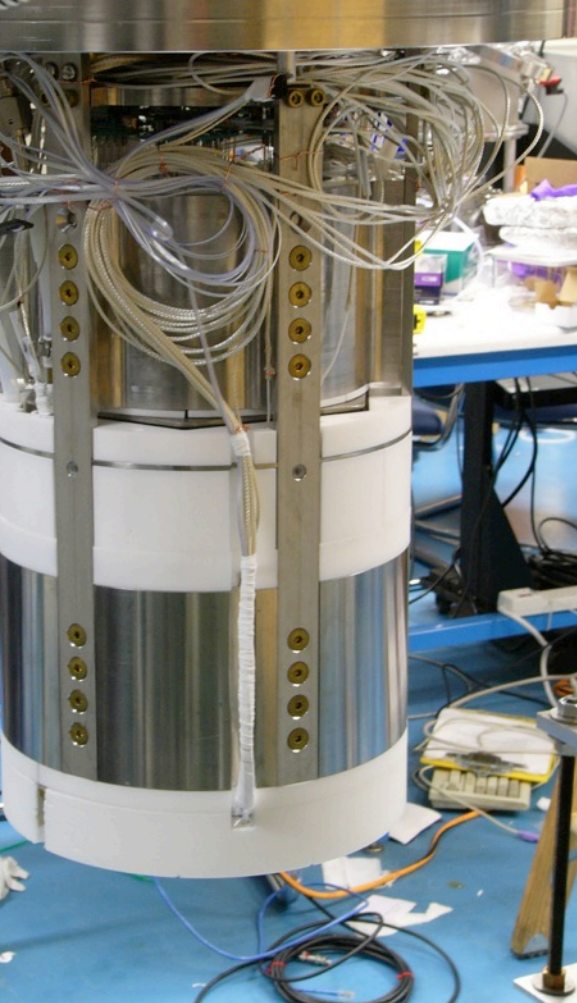


er cathode voltage means higher drift field, and more charge extracted from tracks.  
er drift field means better electron recoil discrimination, by suppressing recombina  
by better isolating the ionization/atomic excitation ratio, which is different for ele  
nuclear recoils.

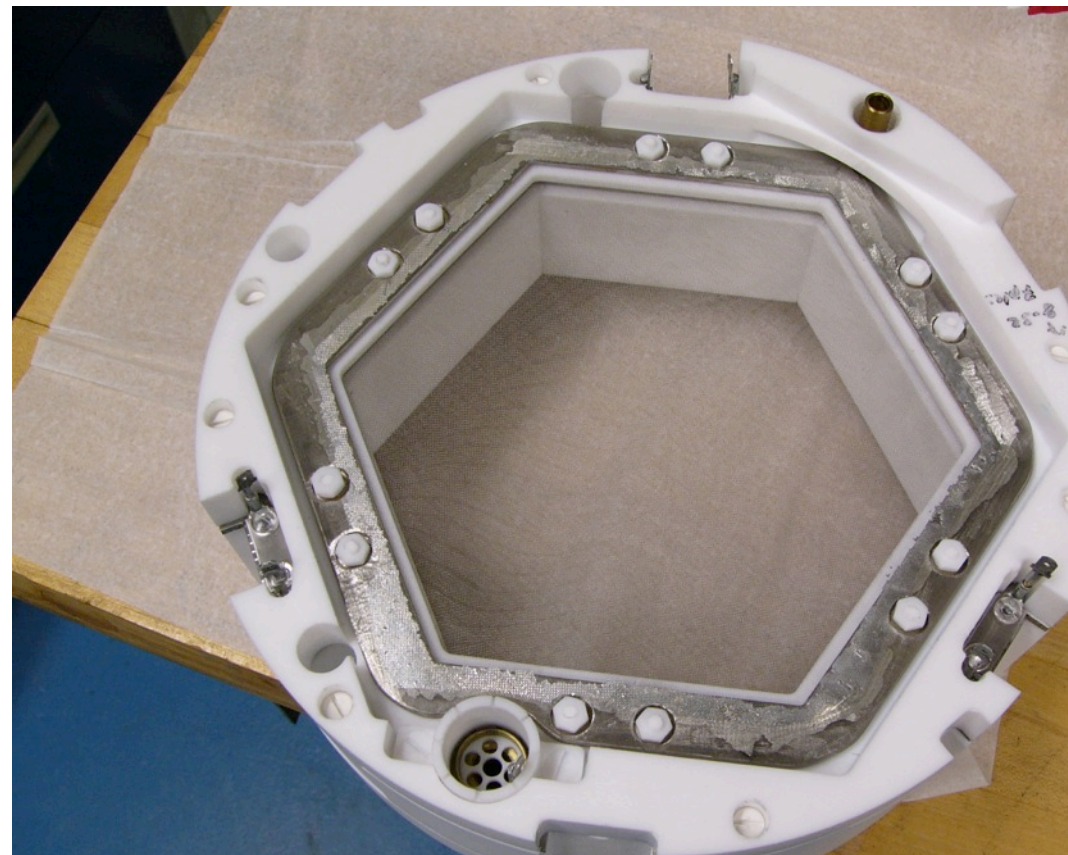
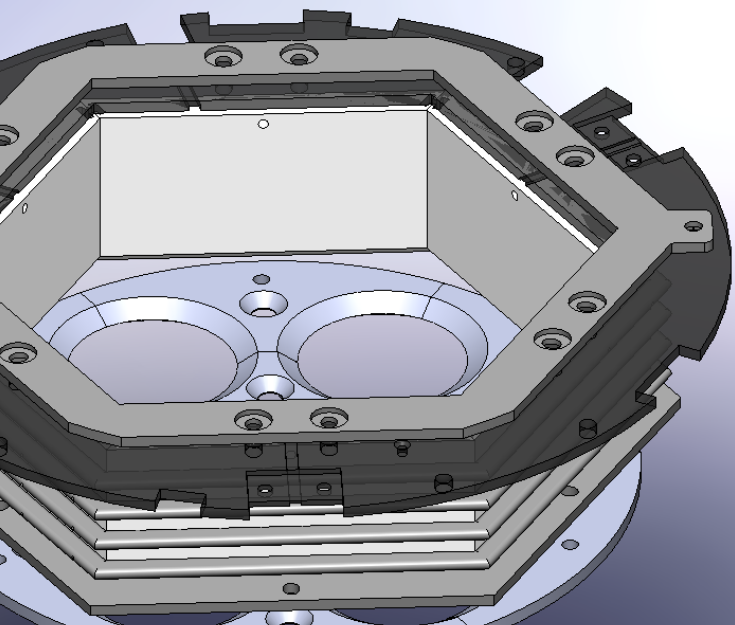
X we see 99.6% discrimination at 181/cm.

er drift field is expected to improve discrimination, reducing backgrounds from pp-  
inos, Kr-85, Rn daughters, and gamma rays.

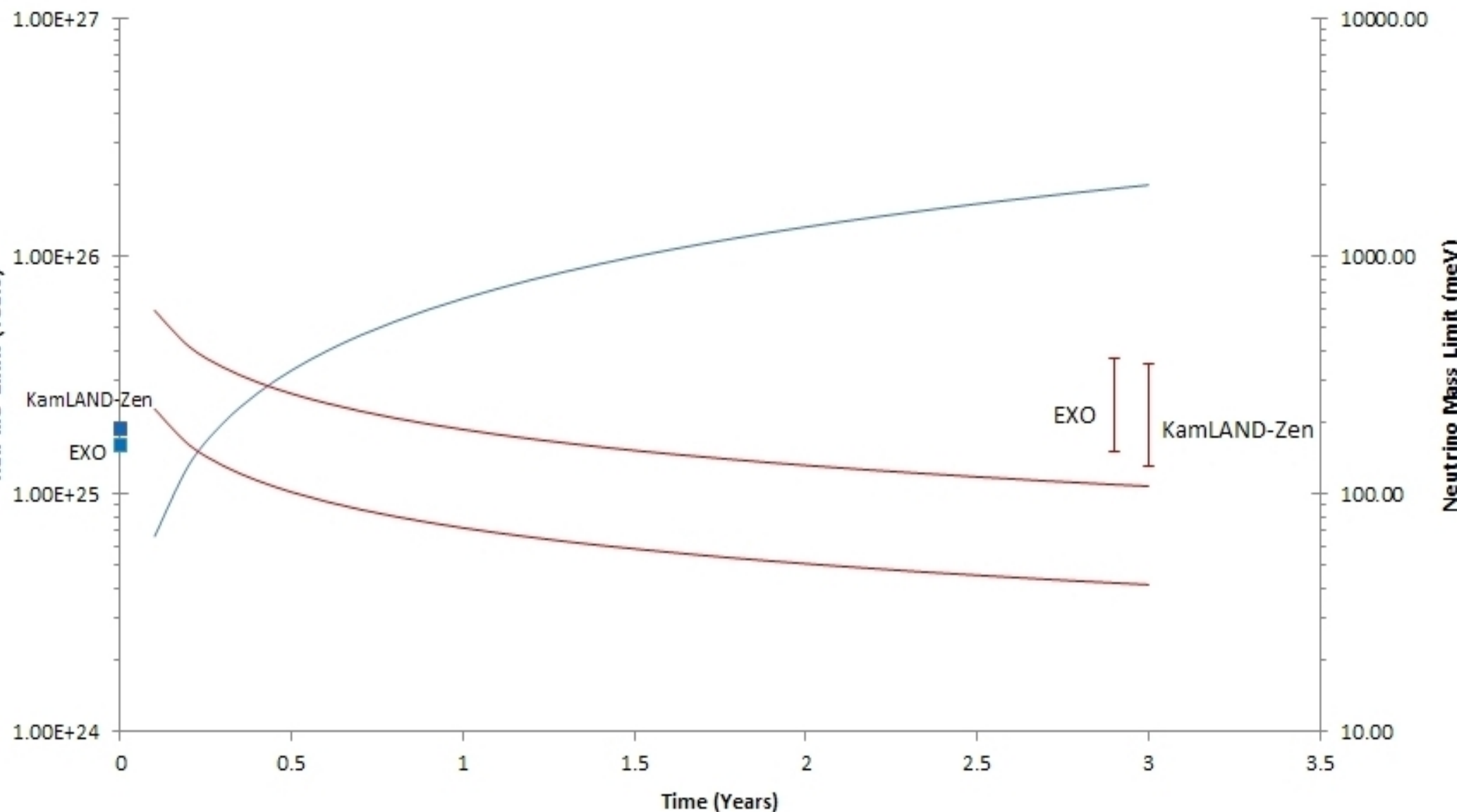




- Currently supported by DHS Academic Research Instrumentation program: \$400k/year.
- Two-phase Xe detector; 4 kg active xenon volume.
- Designed for optimal light collection and strong drift
- Currently operating at Yale.
- R&D platform for studying
  - Gamma-neutron (a.k.a. beta-WIMP) discrimination
  - Energy resolution (relevant for neutrinoless DB
  - Calibration with gaseous sources
  - Gamma ray imaging



# LZ Expected Performance Over 3 years



After 3 years of operation, half-life limit is  $1.99 \times 10^{26}$  years



has made a WIMP Search run of 86 live-days and released the analysis + PRL submission within 9 months of first cooling in Davis Lab

backgrounds as expected, inner fiducial ER rate <2 events/day in region of interest

major advances in calibration techniques including  $^{83\text{m}}\text{Kr}$  and Tritiated- $\text{CH}_4$  injected directly into Xe target

very low energy threshold achieved 3 keVnr with no ambiguous/leakage events

rejection shown to be 99.6+/-0.1% in energy range of interest

## Intermediate and High Mass WIMPs

extended sensitivity over existing experiments by x3 at 35 GeV and x2 at 1000 GeV

## Low Mass WIMP Favored Hypotheses ruled out

WIMP Sensitivity 20x better than XENON100

does not observe 6-10 GeV WIMPs hinted at by earlier experiments

## Future LUX analyses underway or under consideration

In situ calibration using a monoenergetic neutron beam

Improved limits at low WIMP mass, using new calibration data

Impact of LUX data on other WIMP interaction models (spin-dependent, plus larger set of operators)

Solar and galactic axion searches

Neutrino magnetic moment search

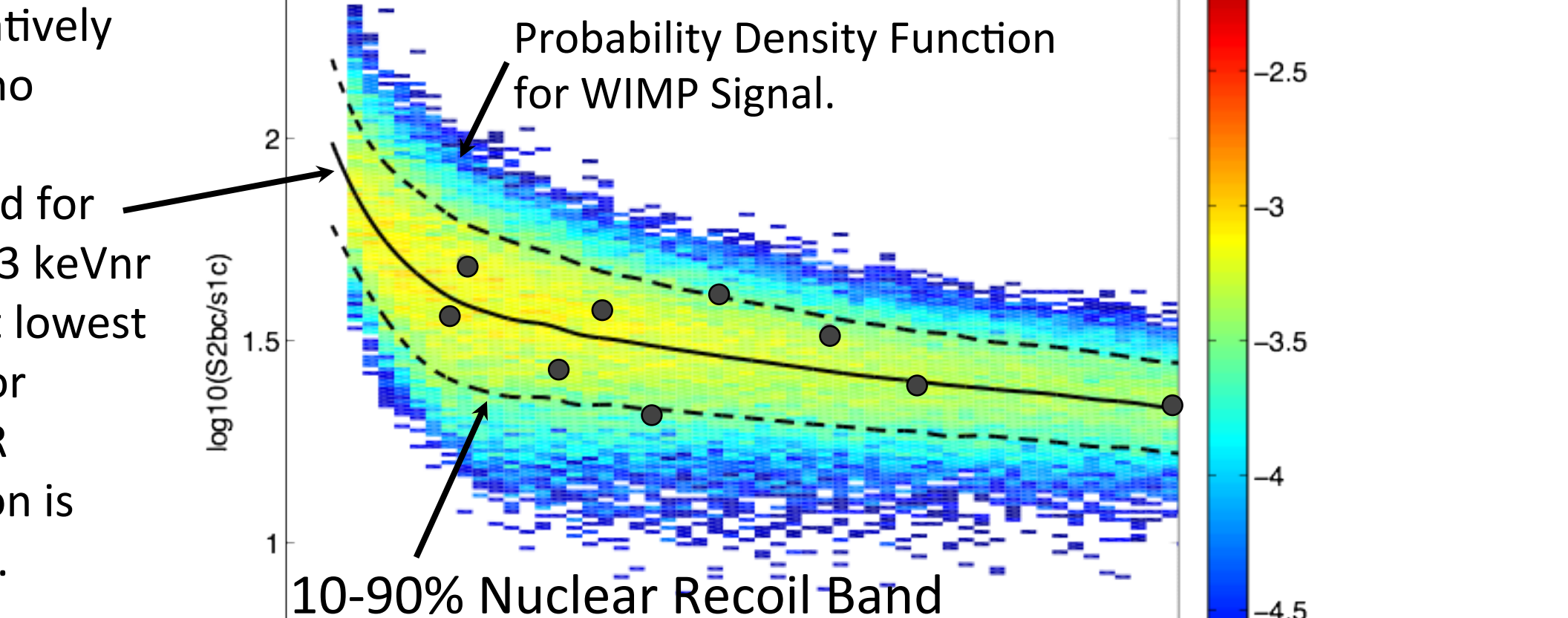
Etc... (anything that benefits from low background + low threshold)

## LZ Detector is being designed

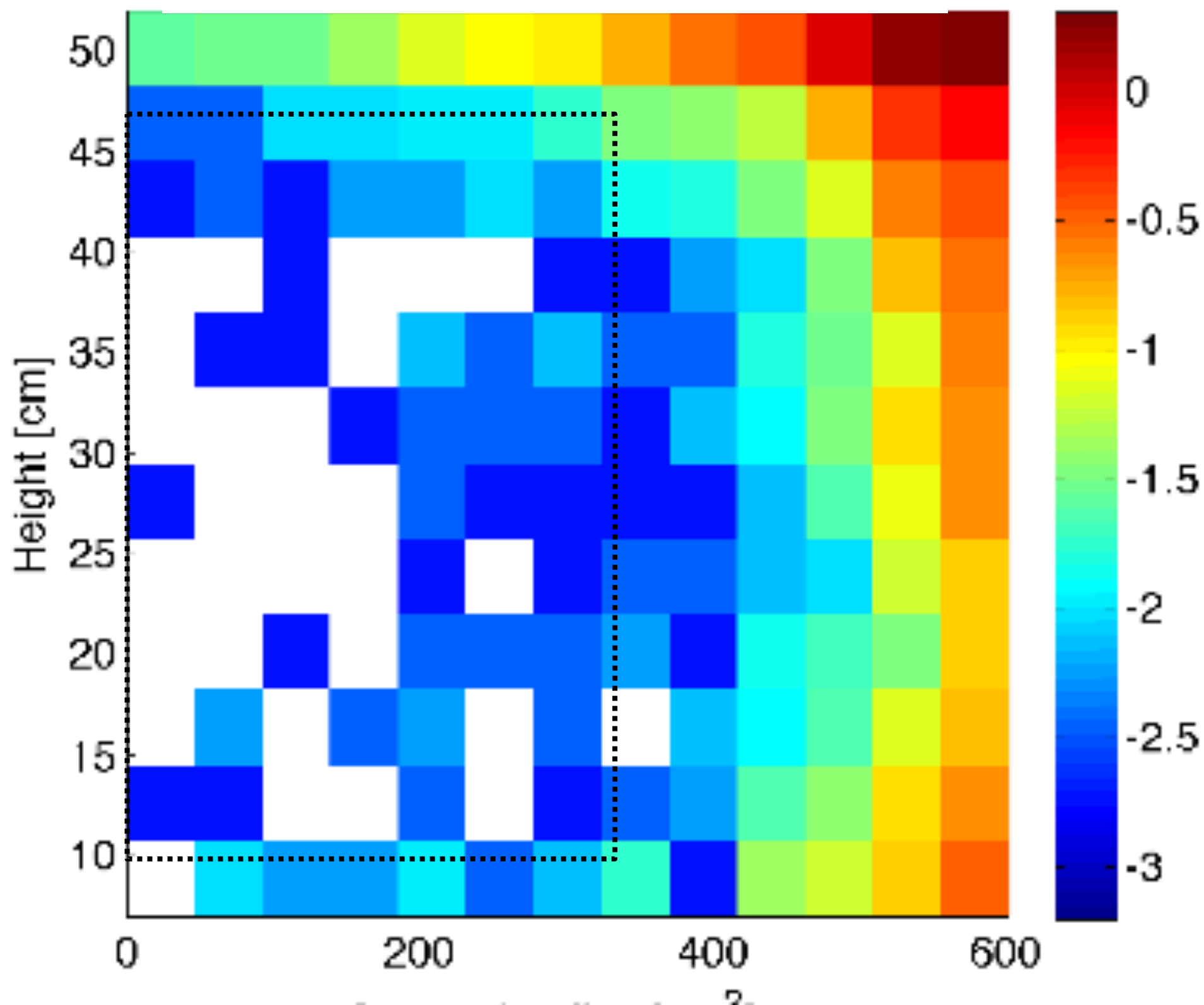
Projected sensitivity 1000 times better than LUX

Will replace LUX in the Davis cavern water tank

a mass of 1000 GeV and cross section at the existing XENON10  
 CL Sensitivity  $1.9 \times 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$  - **Would expect 9 WIMPs in LUX S**

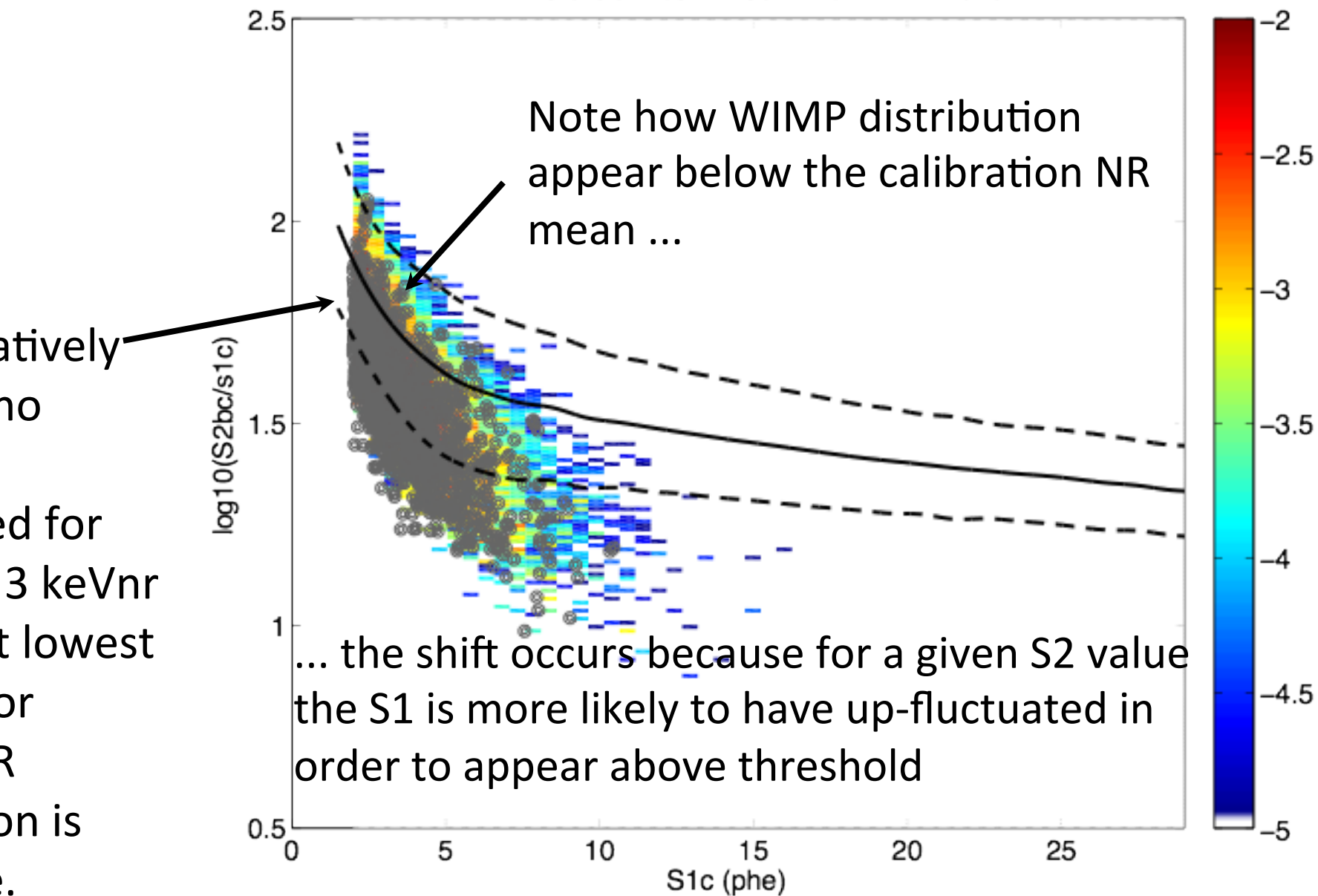


umes Standard Milky Way Halo parameters as described in Savage, Fr  
 o (2006)  $v_0=220 \text{ km/s}$ ,  $v_{\text{escape}} = 544 \text{ km/s}$ ,  $\rho_0 = 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ,  $v_{\text{earth}} = 245 \text{ k}$

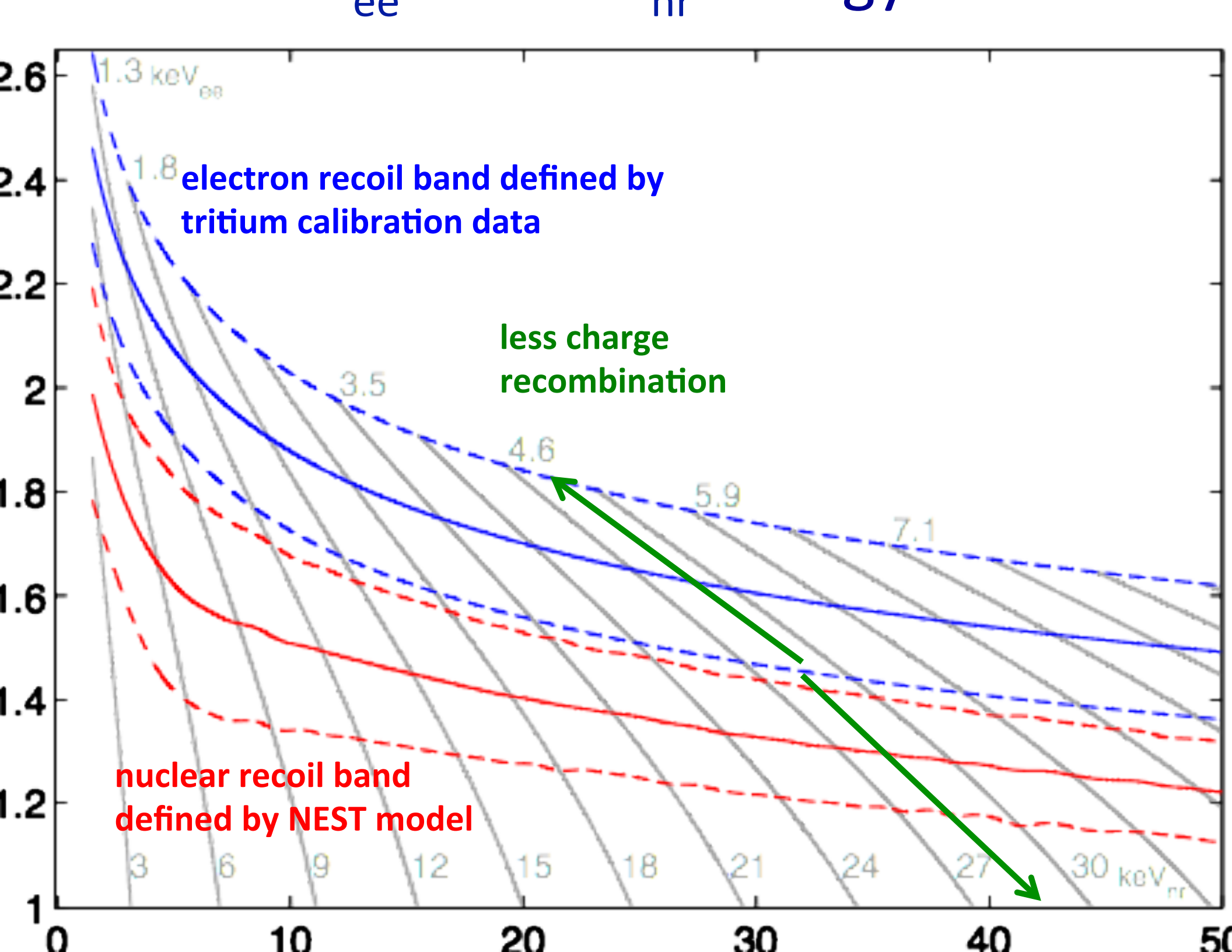


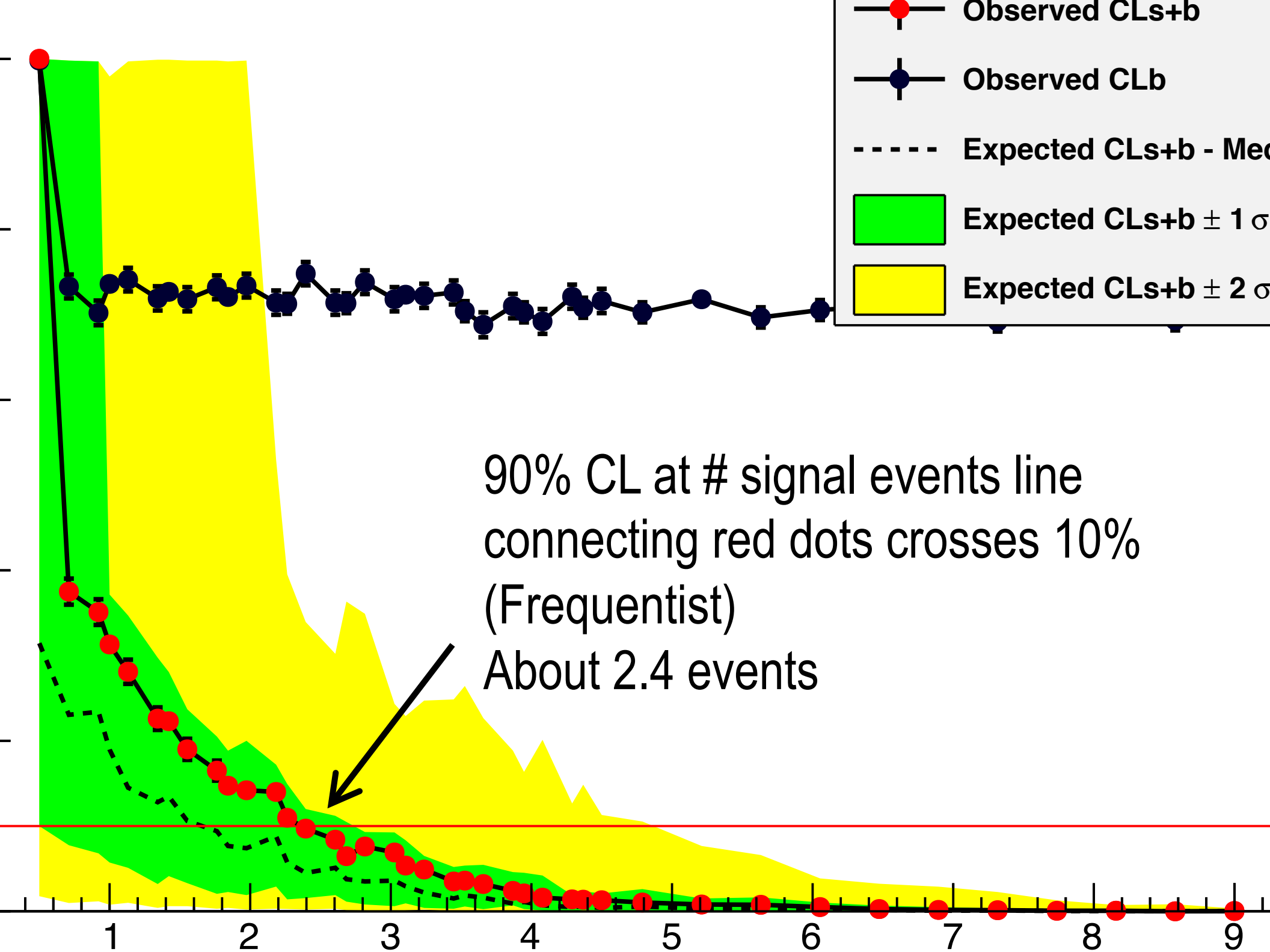


mass of 8.6 GeV and cross section favored CDMS II Si (2012) c  
on  $2.0 \times 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2$  - **Expect 1550 WIMPs in LUX Search**



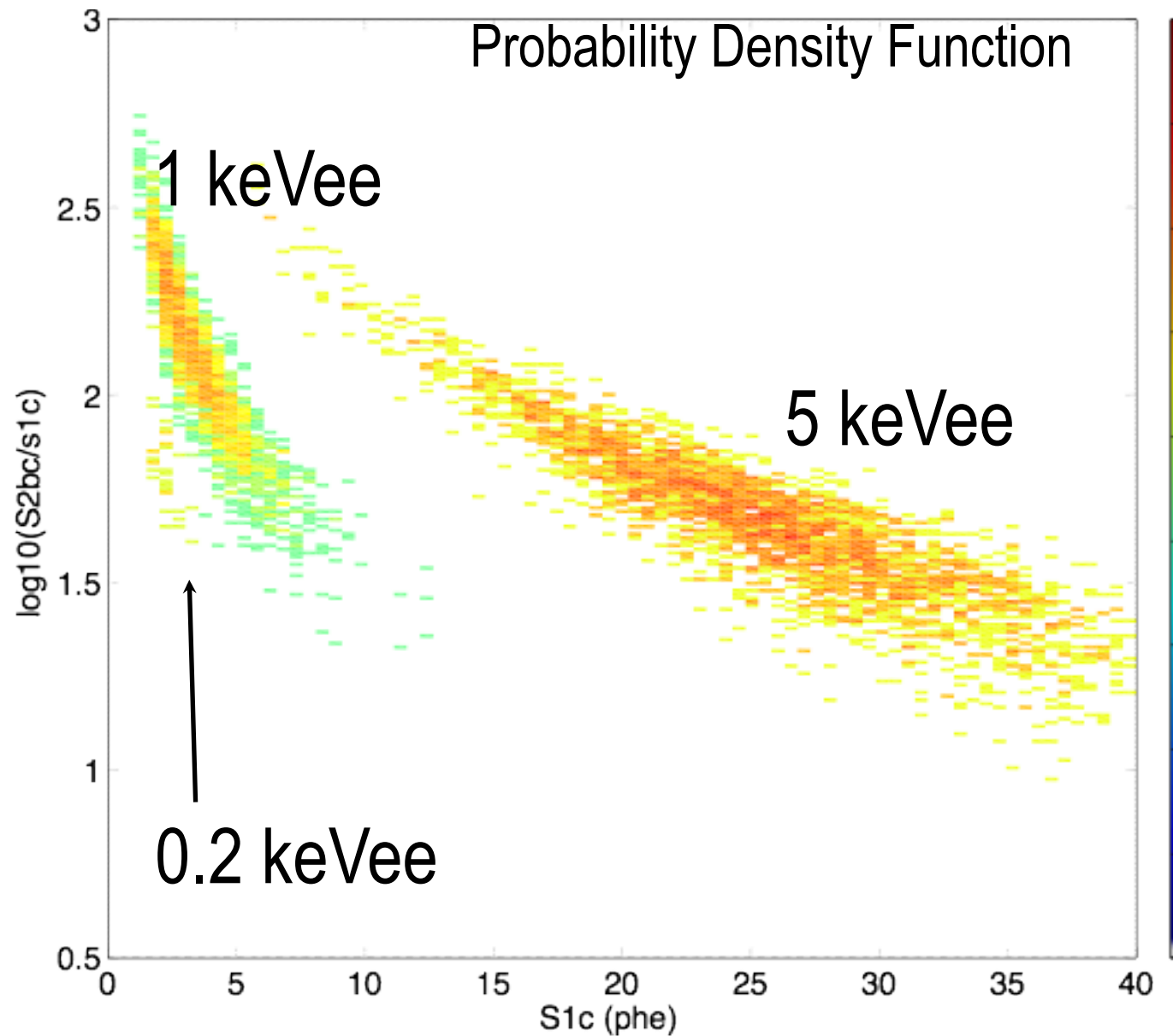
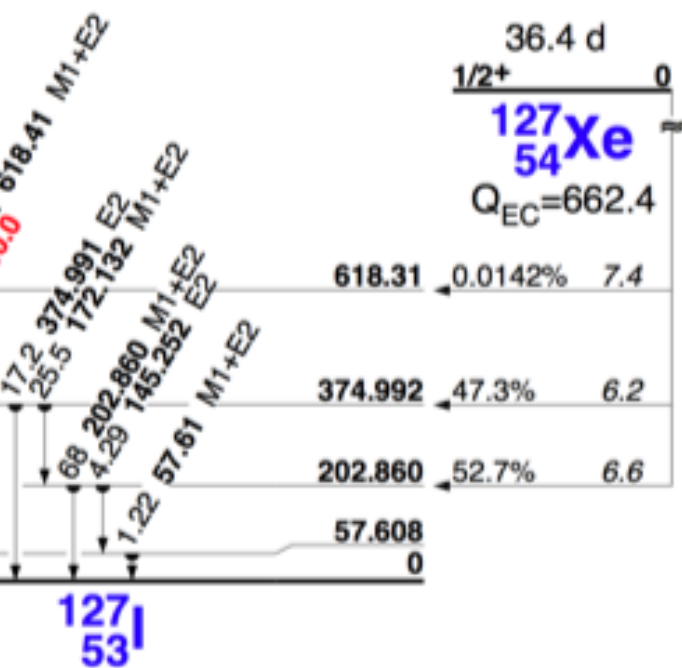
in the WIMP PDF downwards improves the effective FB event leakage fraction



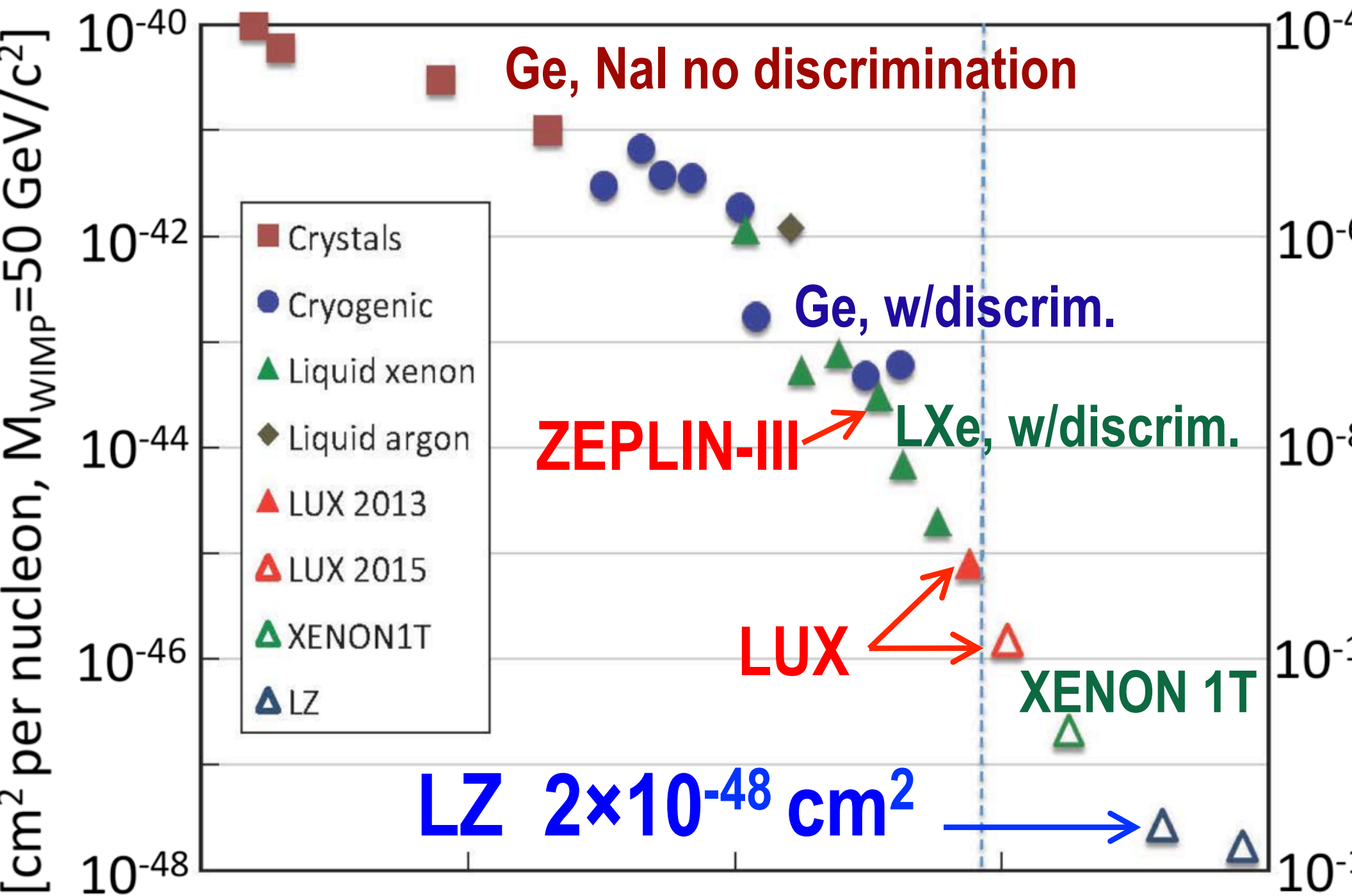




line emission in center of detector following full escape of gamma  
 associated with nuclear excited state



# Time Evolution

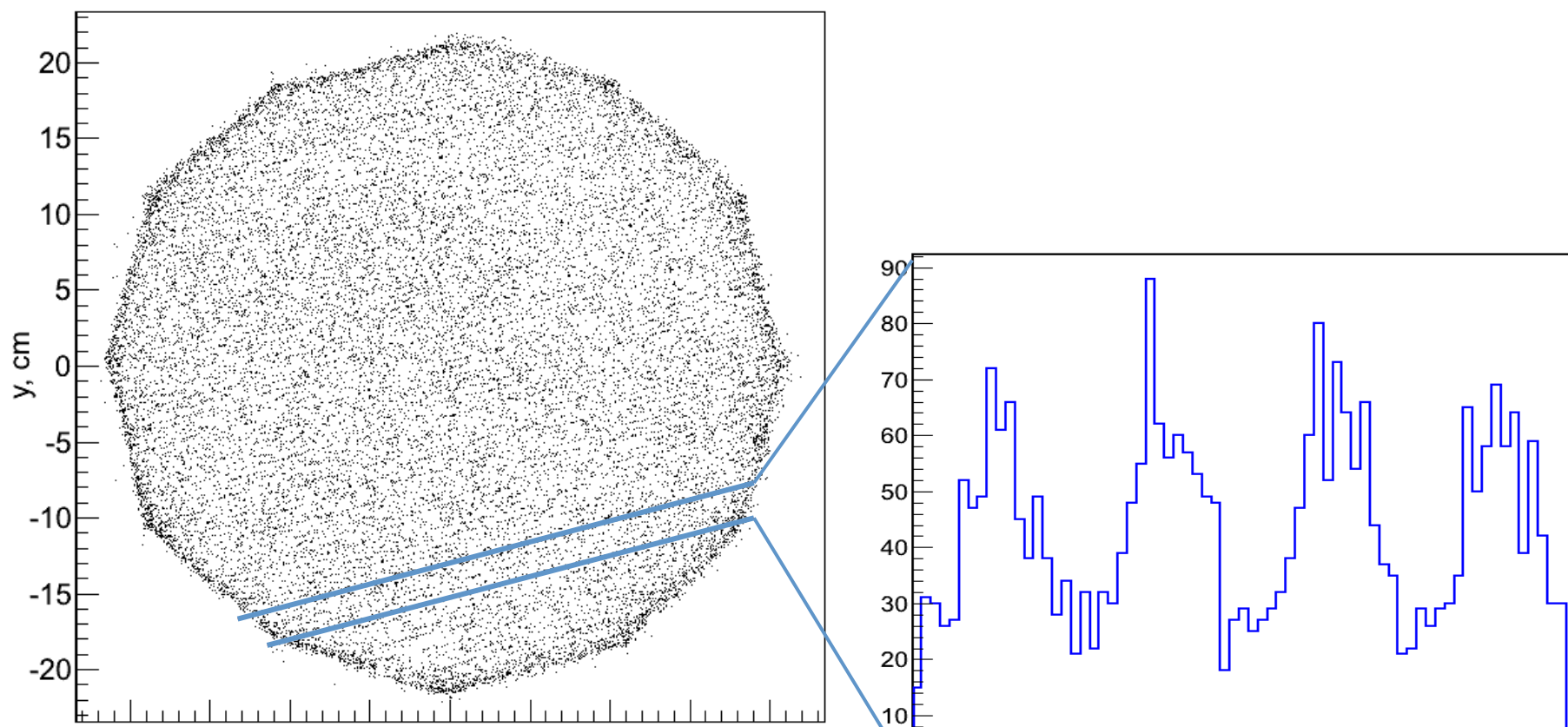


ate is determined by the time between S1 and S2  
(drift speed of 1.51 mm/microsecond)

Response Functions (LRFs) are found by iteratively fitting the distribution  
al for each PMT.

n is determined by fitting the S2 hit pattern relative to the LRFs.

ction of XY from alpha events near the anode grid resolves grid wires with 5 mm



(or, how did you spend your summer?)

April 21 - August 8, 2013 - 110 calendar days

10.3 live days of WIMP Search

8.3+/-6.5 kg fiducial mass

Calibrations

Frequent injected  $^{83m}\text{Kr}$  calibration to correct for any S1 or S2 gain shifts

$^{90}\text{Sr}$  and  $^{137}\text{Cs}$  calibrations+Sims to define NR band

Injected Tritiated Methane defines full ER band at all relevant energies

Efficiency

Efficiency for WIMP event detection was studied using data from calibration sets using multiple techniques and all were all shown to be consistent with one another



## Data Analysis and Blinding

The Xe Target inner fiducial volume is very simple, it sits inside a larger volume of Xe with only a “virtual” surface dividing them

Modeling of extrinsic and intrinsic background signals in large monolithic Xe volume has low system

blinding was imposed for the first WIMP data analysis

We aimed to apply minimum set of cuts in order to reduce any tuning of event cuts/acceptance.

The cuts list is very short ...

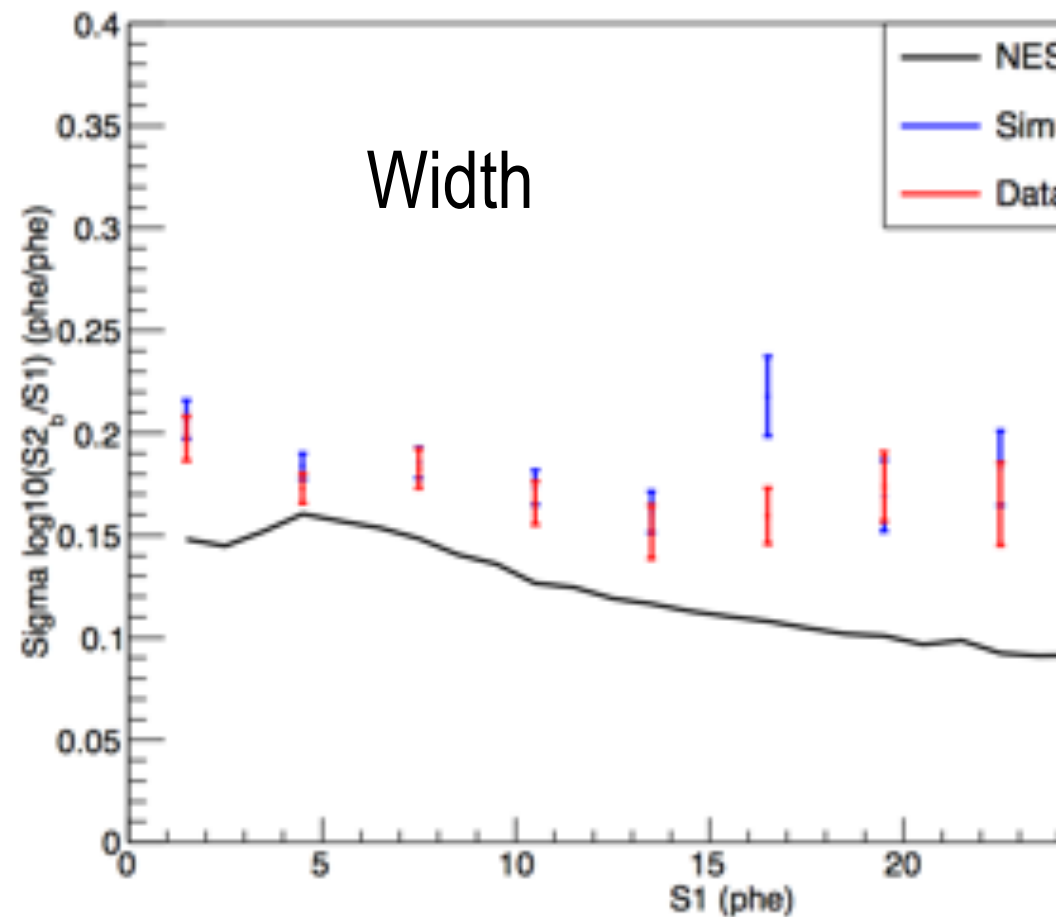
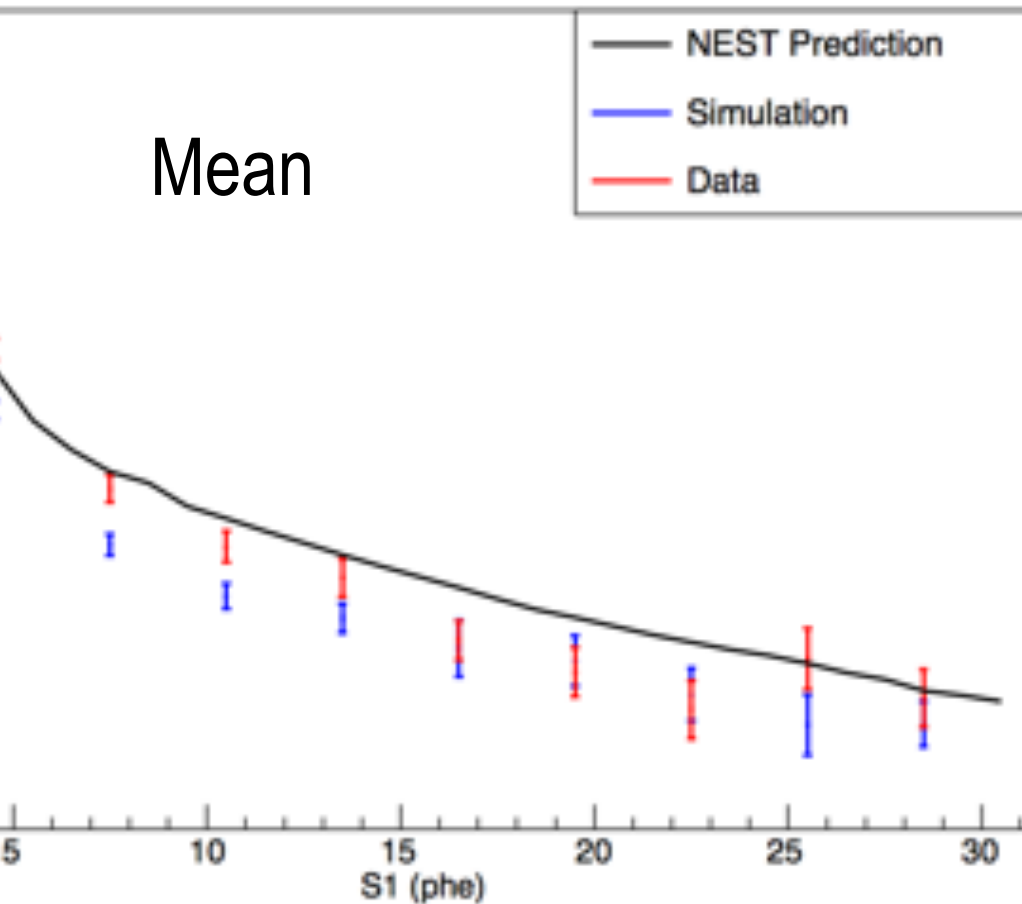
Fiducial Volume was selected based on requirement to keep low energy events from the end and teflon surface out of WS data. Primarily alpha-decay events.

Low energy alpha-parent nuclear recoil events generate small S2 + S1 events. Studies position reconstruction resolution. Tested using data outside WIMP search S1 energy range. This ensured that position reconstruction for sets were similar, and definition of fiducial was not biased.

Use of Profile Likelihood Ratio (PLR) analysis means we don't have to draw acceptance cuts

This avoids potential bias in data analysis from selecting regions in S1,S2 signal-space

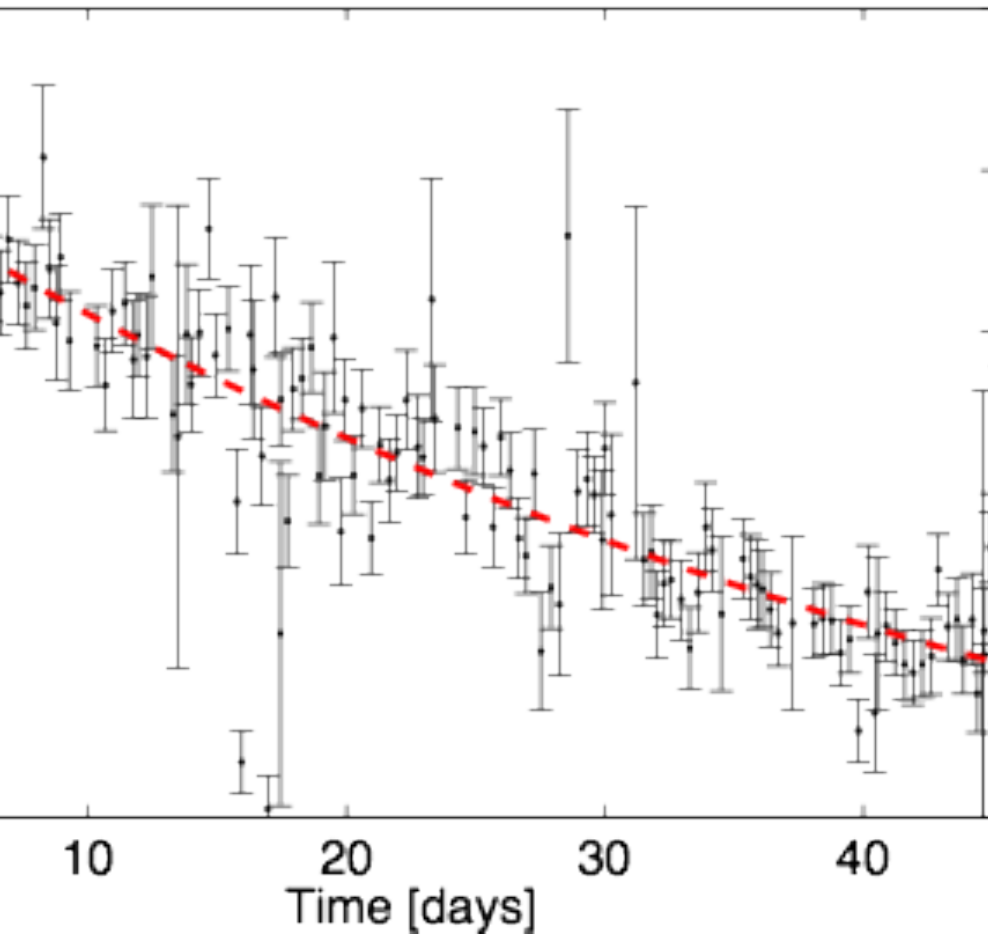
Cuts for Profile Likelihood Ratio analysis were developed using high statistics in situ calibrations, with some simulations to cross check



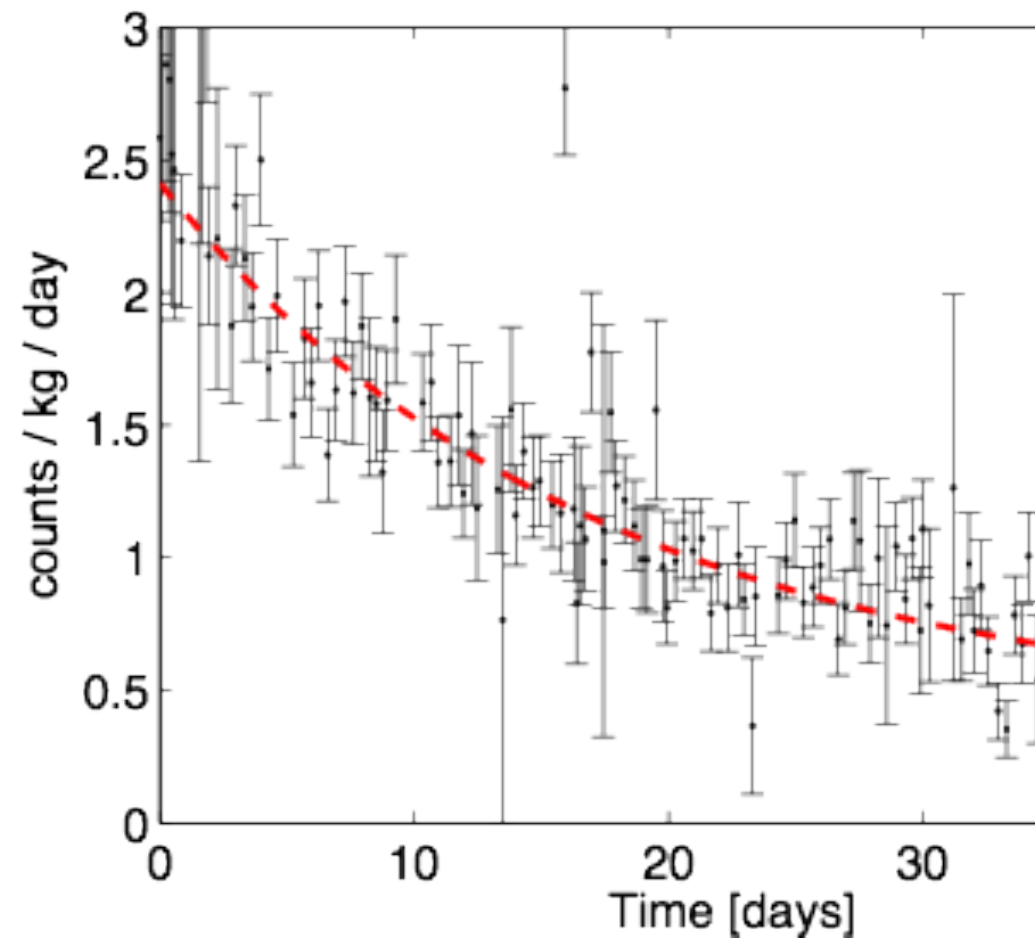
- Above plots show comparisons between simulation (blue), the NEST prediction (black), and data for the mean and width of the nuclear recoil band from AmBe calibrations
- The mean and width are different in the calibrations because the data contain ER contamination and neutron-X events, which are modeled well by the

# Cosmogenic Isotopes Decaying

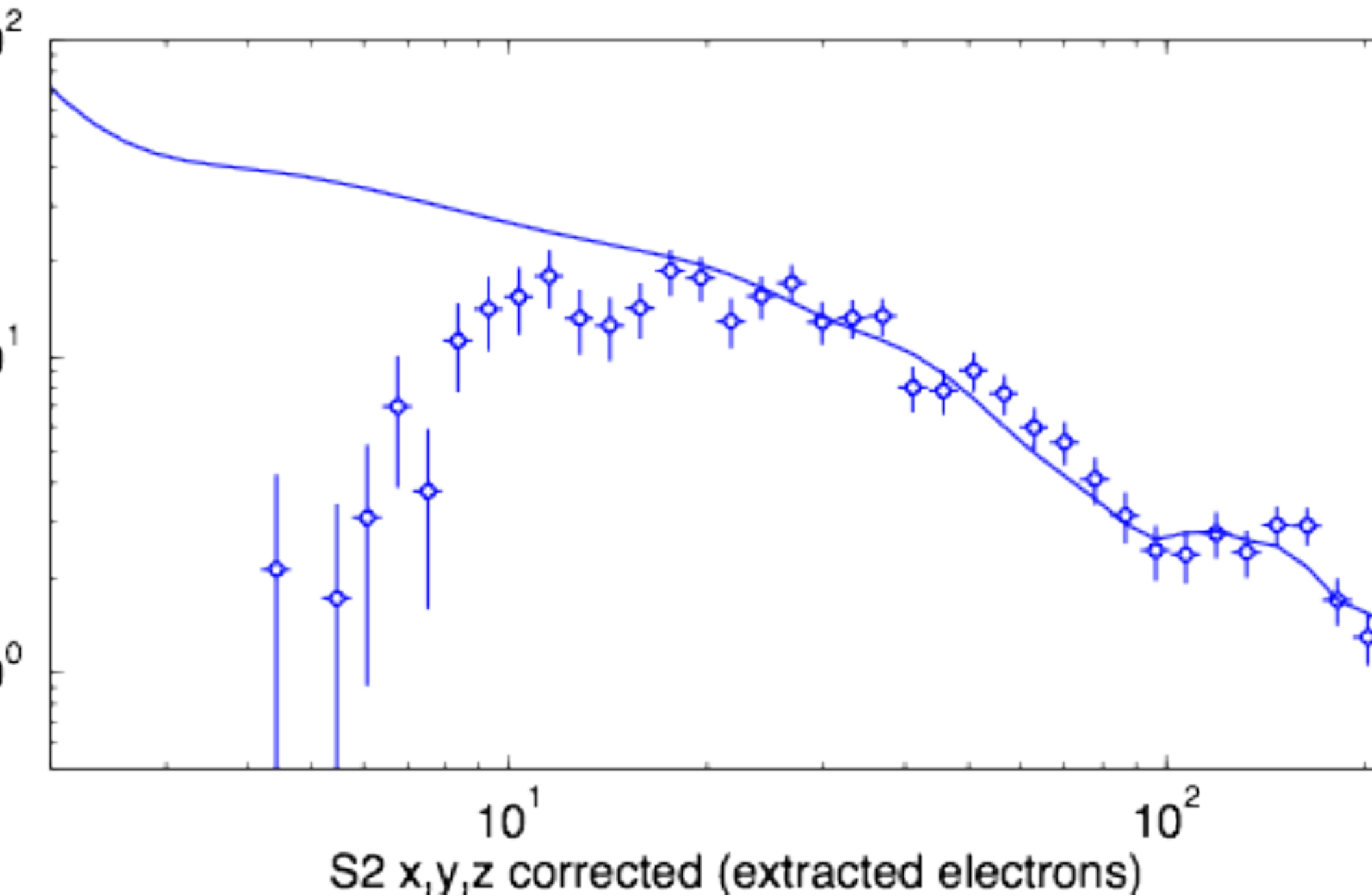
## $^{76}\text{Xe}$ Decay vs Time



## $^{131\text{m}}\text{Xe}$ Decay vs Time



# AmBe S2 Calibration



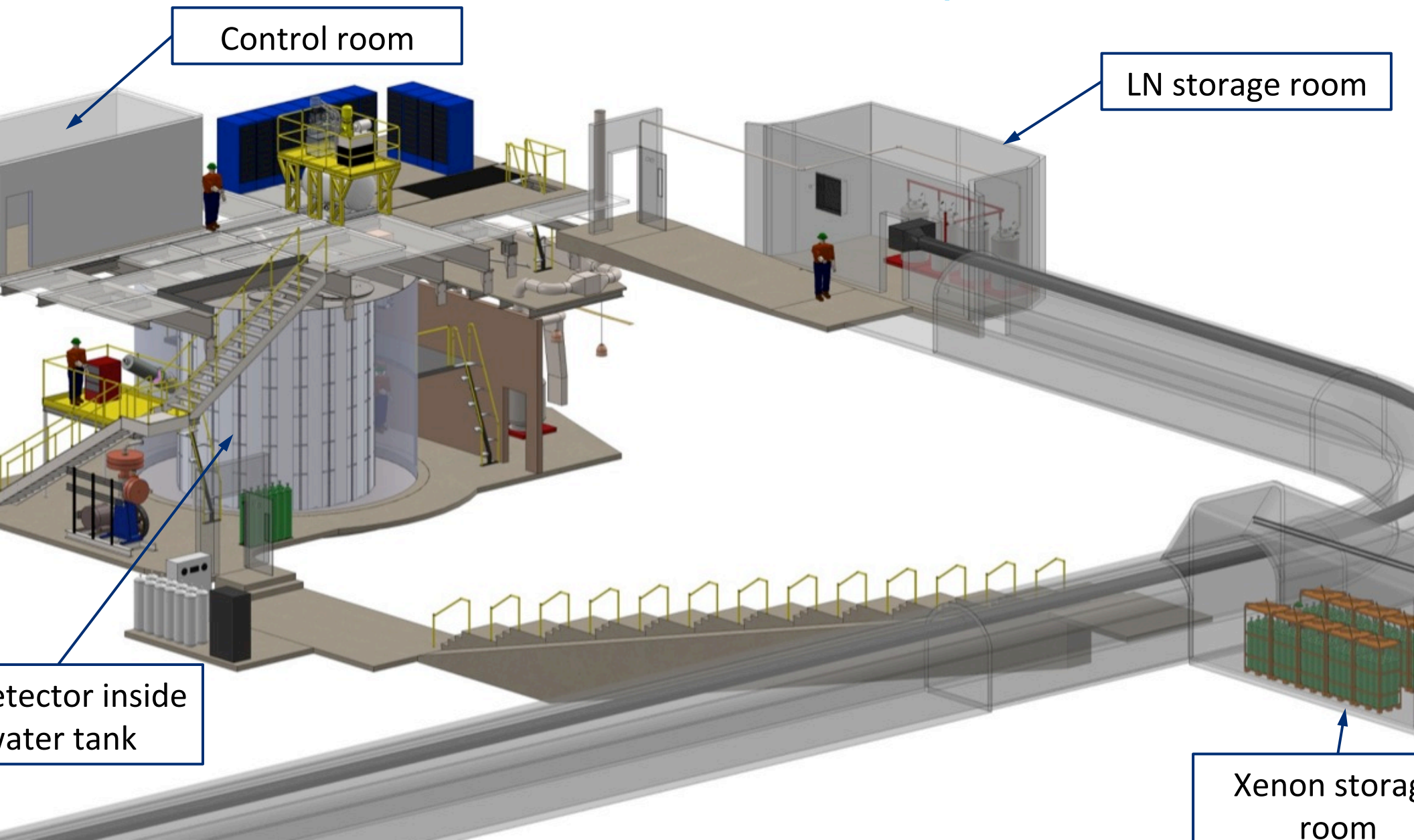




Extra Slides

# LZ Underground at SURF

Years of experience at SURF from



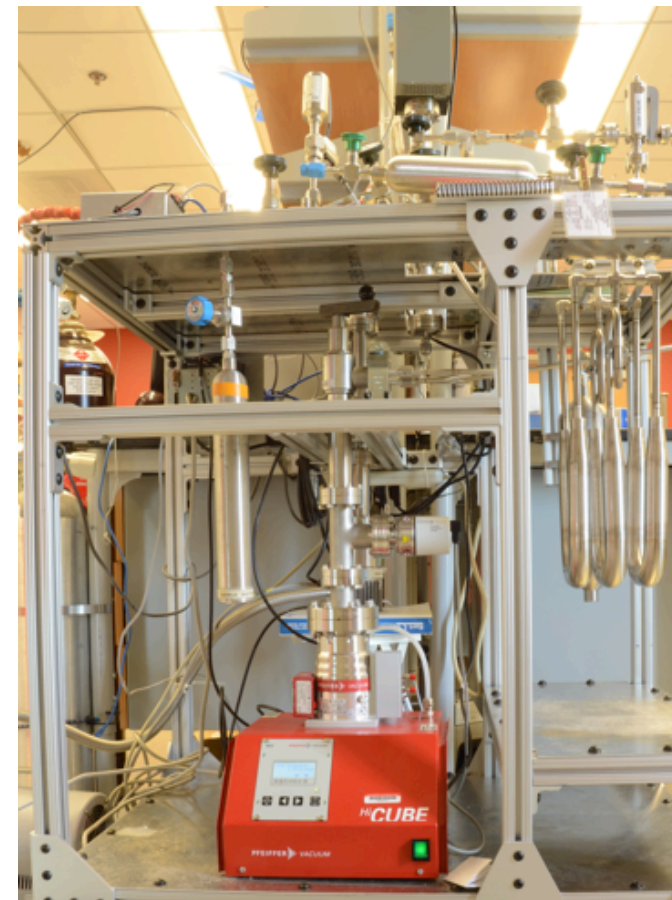
# $^{85}\text{Kr}$ Removal and Screening

Remove Kr to  $<15$  ppq ( $10^{-15}$  g/g) using gas chromatography.

Test LUX batch 200 ppq

Setting up to process 200 kg/day at SLAC

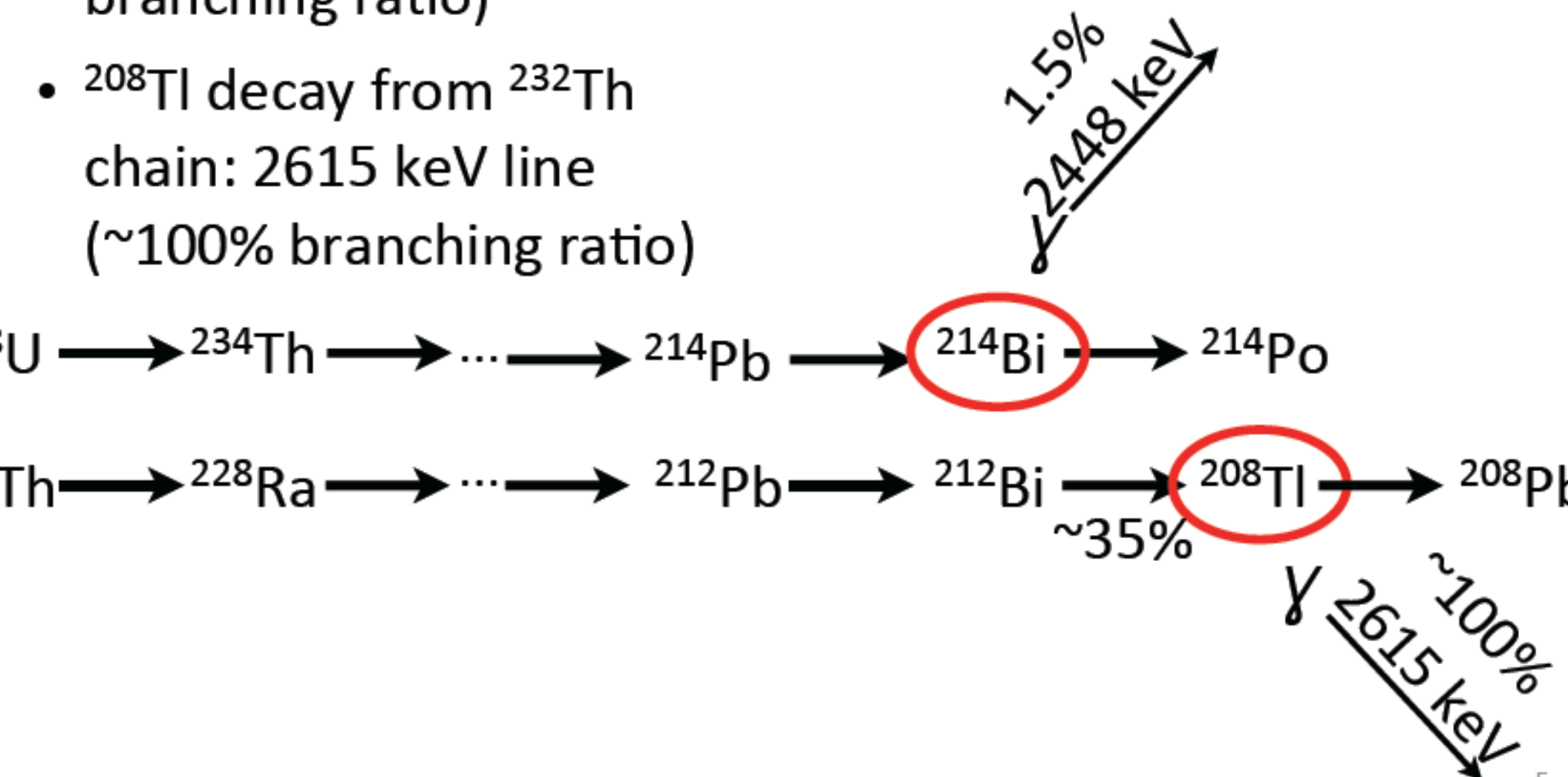
Have a sampling program to instantly assay the removal at SLAC and continuously assay in situ





# Backgrounds Near 2458 keV

- $^{214}\text{Bi}$  from  $^{238}\text{U}$  chain: one line at 2448 keV (1.5% branching ratio)
- $^{208}\text{Tl}$  decay from  $^{232}\text{Th}$  chain: 2615 keV line (~100% branching ratio)



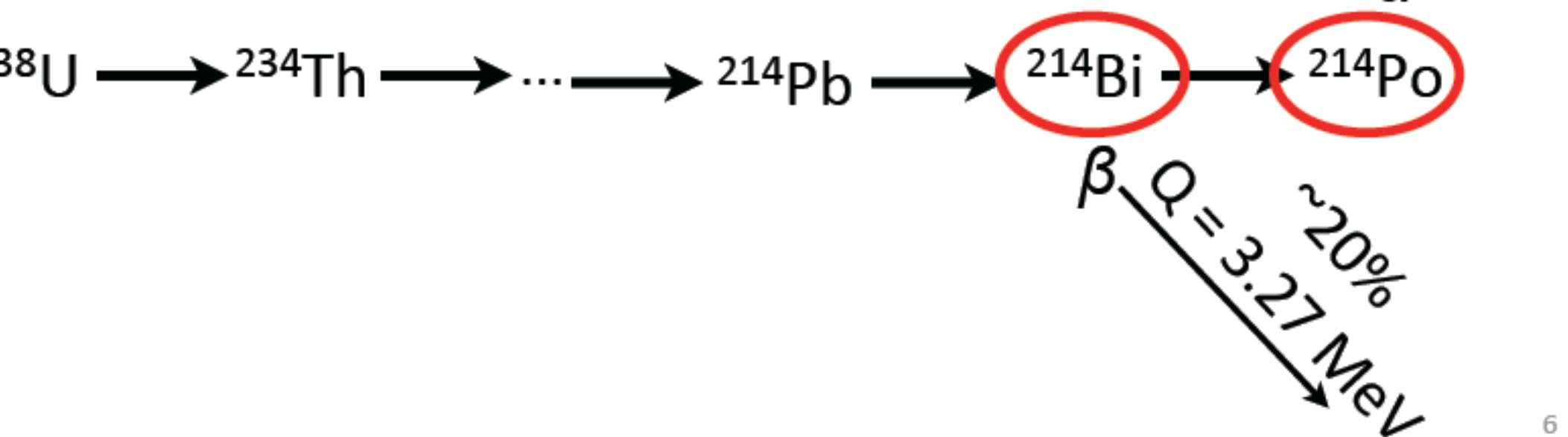


# Important Backgrounds

Internal radon not a concern:

- 2448 keV line comes with a beta => self-vetoing
- Can veto  $^{214}\text{Bi}$  decays with  $^{214}\text{Po}$  coincidence (164  $\mu\text{s}$  half-life)

$2\nu\beta\beta$ ,  $^8\text{B}$   $\nu$ ,  $\mu$ -induced backgrounds all small



# Xe Detector PMTs

1410-22 3" PMTs for TPC region

Extensive development program, 50 tubes in hand, benefit from similar development for XENON, PANDA-X and RED

Materials ordered and radioassays started prior to fabrication.

First production tubes early 2016.

Joint US and UK effort

520-406 1" for skin region

Considering using 2" or 3" for bottom dome region, recycle tubes from older detectors

# Xe Detector Prototyping

extensive program of prototype development underway

three general approaches

Testing in liquid argon, primarily of HV elements, at Yale and soon at LLNL

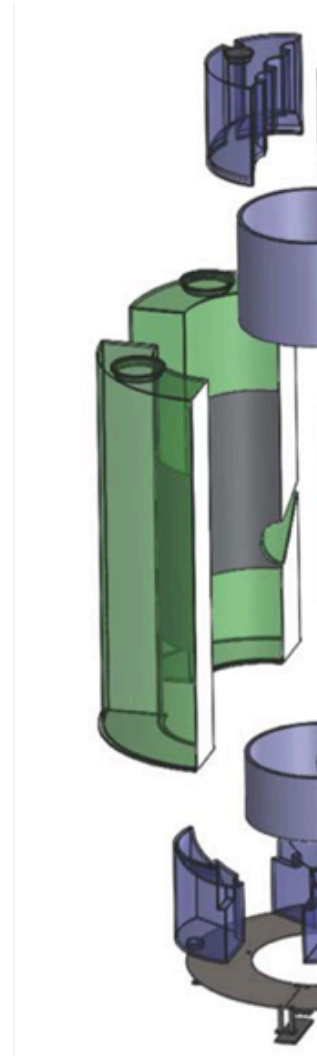
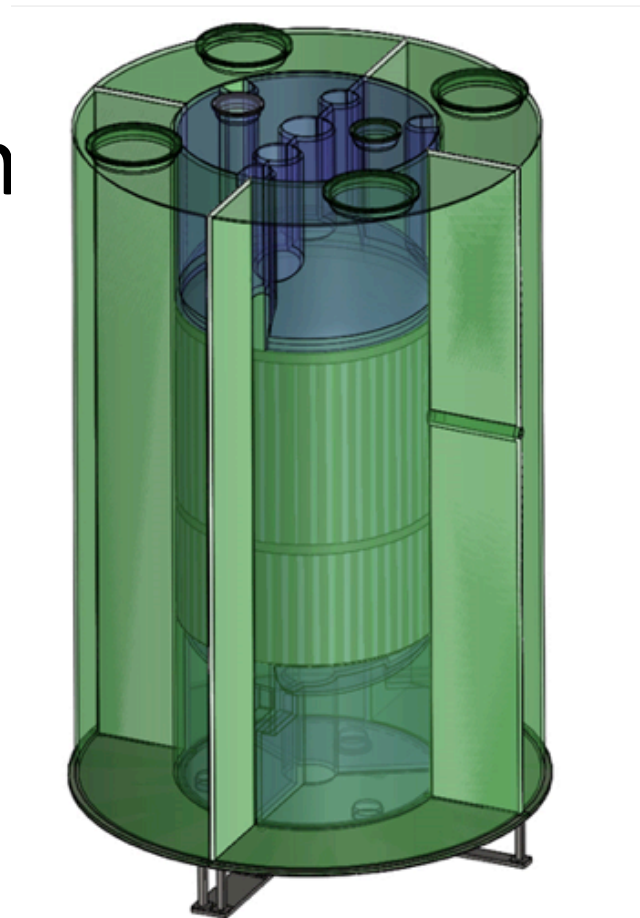
Design choice and validation in small (few kg) LXe test chambers in many locations: LLNL, Yale-> UC Berkeley, LBNL, U Michigan, UC Davis, Imperial College, MEPhI

System test platform at SLAC, Phase I about 100 kg of LXe, TPC prototype testing to begin in few months

# Outer Detector

potential to utilize most Xe,  
optimize fiducial volume  
segmented tanks – installation  
constraints (shaft, water tank)  
polonium - loaded  
scintillator, LAB, OK  
underground  
Bay legacy, scintillator &  
s (and people)

advanced conceptual design



Layout of the LZ outer detector system, which consists of nine acrylic tanks. The four largest are the four quarter-tanks on the sides. Two tanks cover the top and bottom. The exploded view on the right shows the displacer cylinder between the acrylic vessels and the cryostat.



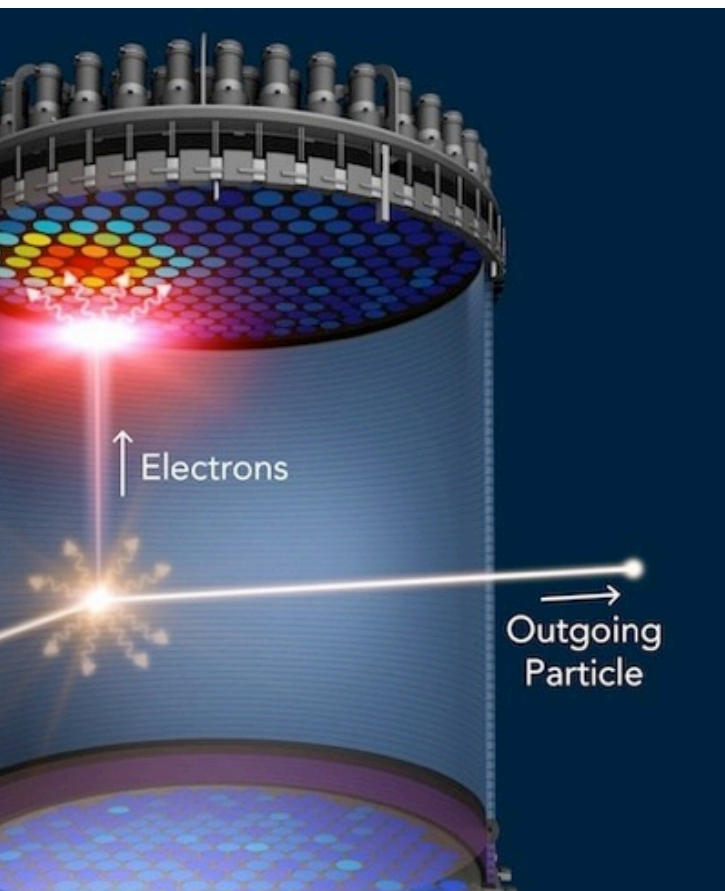
# LZ Calibrations

monstrated in LUX. Calibrate The Signal and Background Model *in situ*.

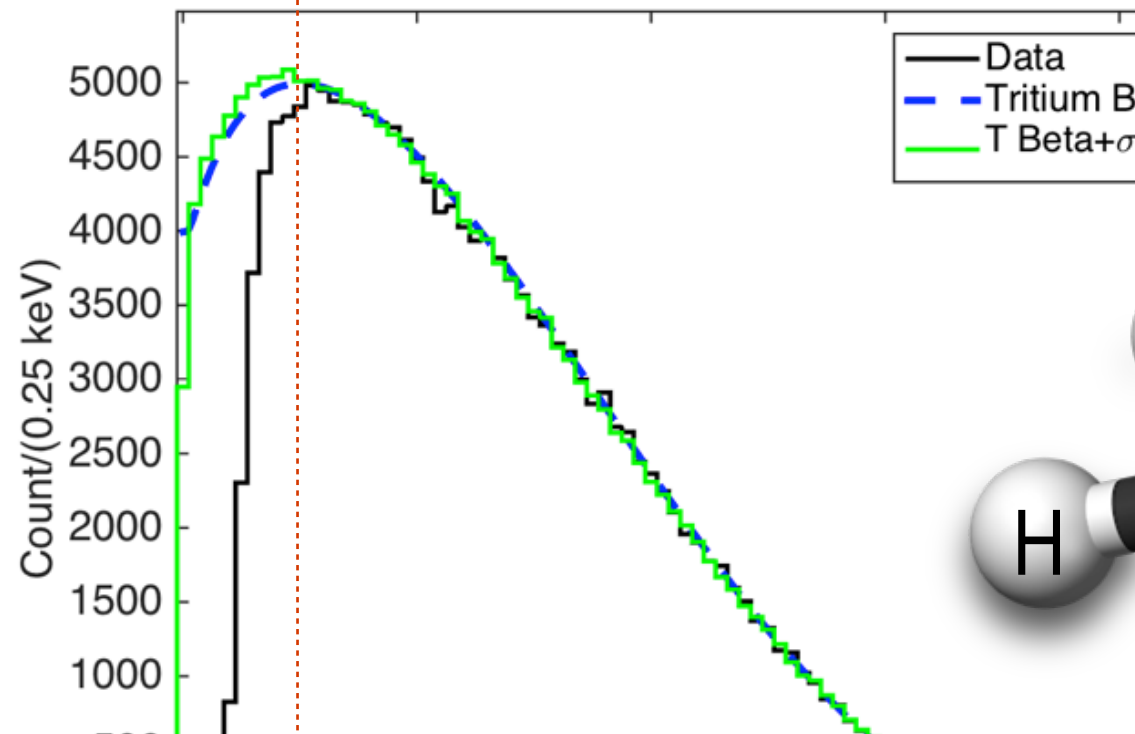
Neutron Generator (Nuclear Recoils)

ated Methane (Electron Recoils)

ditional Sources e.g. YBe Source for low energy (Nuclear Recoils)



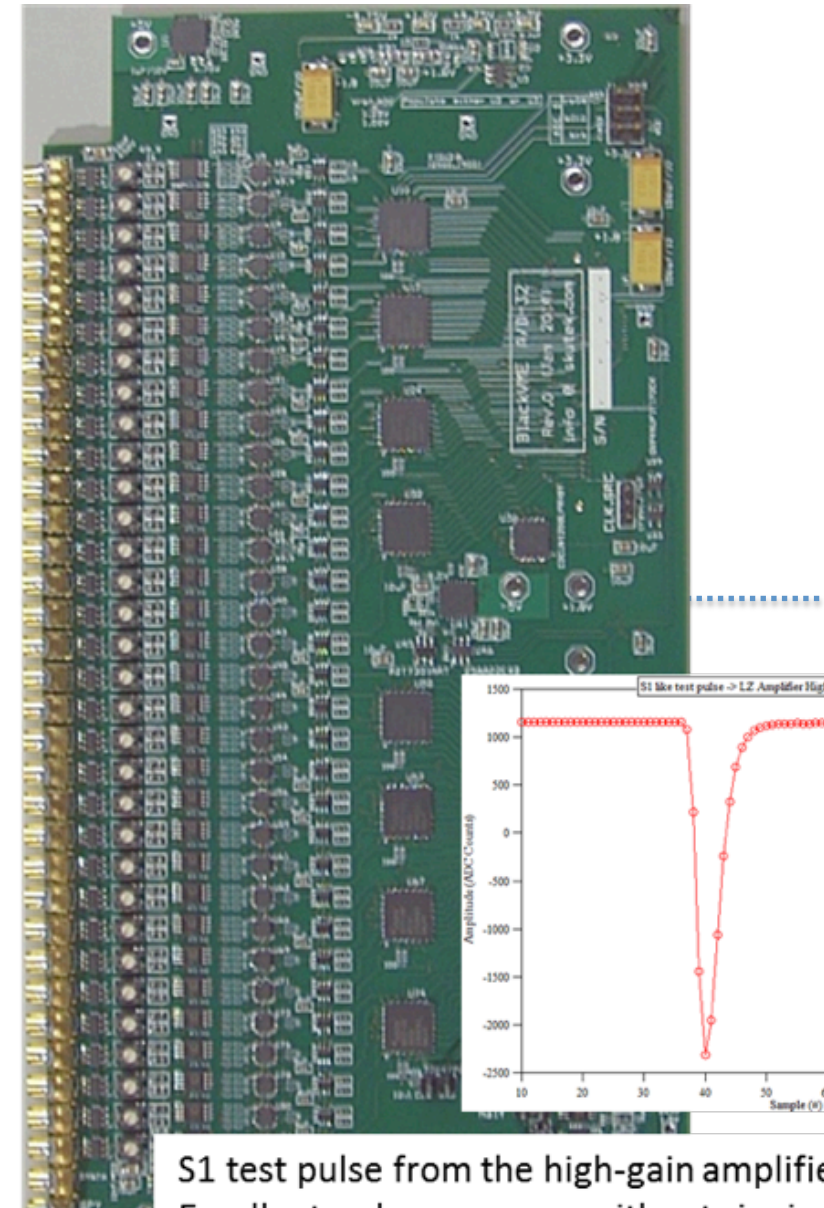
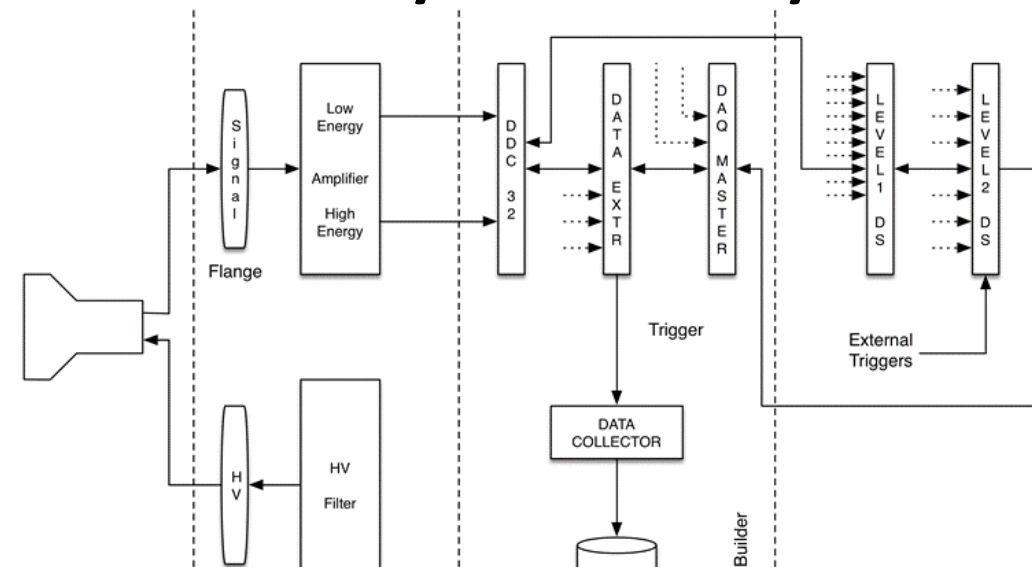
Tritium Beta Spectrum Measured in LUX



# Electronics/DAQ

JX legacy, augmented by  
 experienced new groups  
 (primarily DAQ, controls)  
 Prototyping underway, will  
 lead to full – chain test of key  
 elements by end of year

# 32 channel digitizer pr

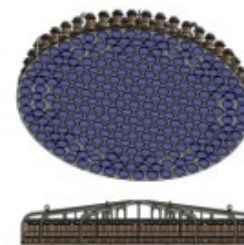
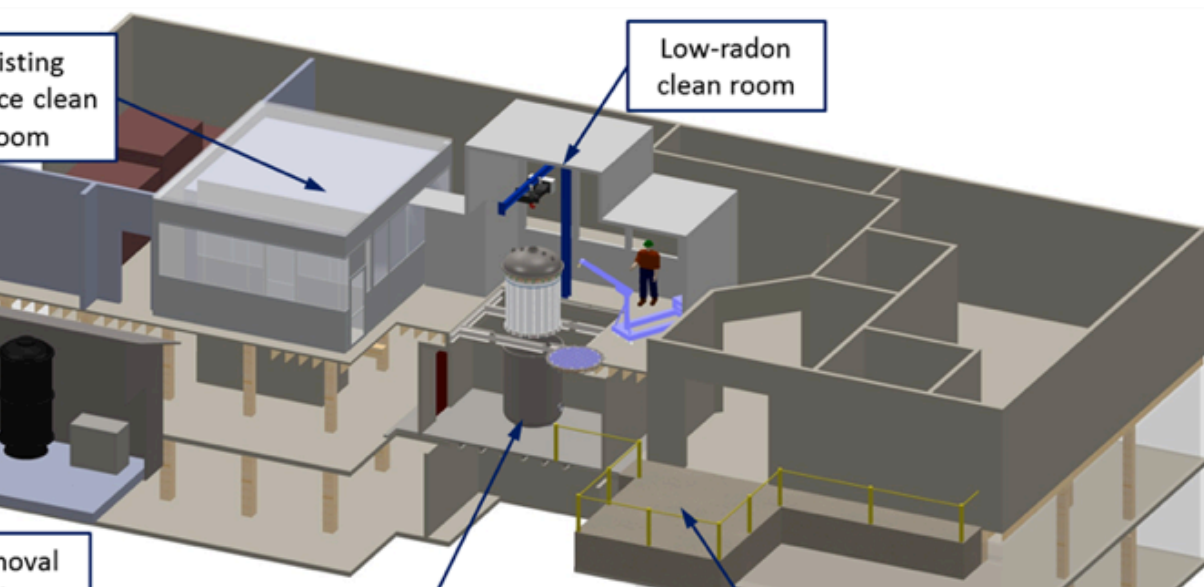


# Integration/Installation

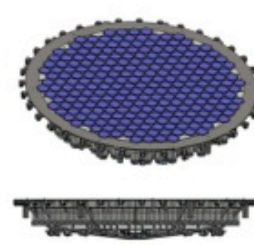
Surface assembly of TPC into inner  
cryostat

10X experience at SURF

Dedicated on – site infrastructure  
Improvements for LZ. Design started,  
construction



S1 - PMT ARRAYS - UPPER & LOWER



S2 - TPC REVERSE FIELD



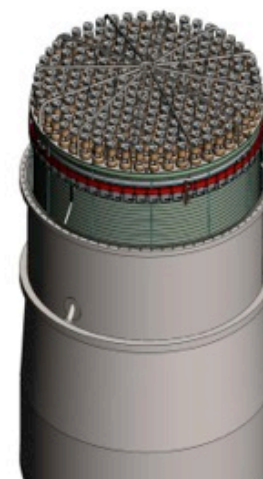
S3 - TPC FULL FIELD CAGE ASSY  
with WEIR



S4 - FULL TPC with SUPPORT RODS

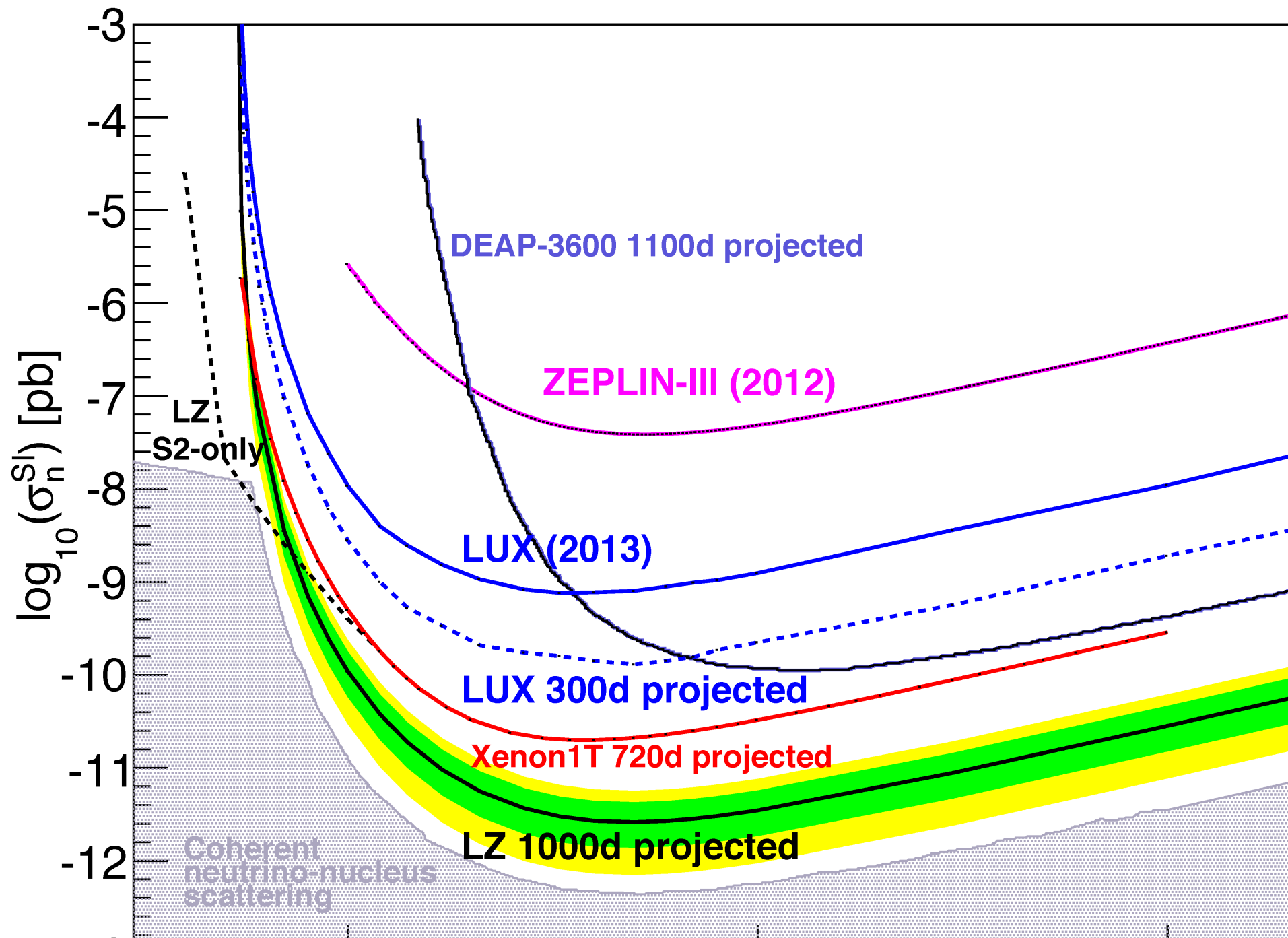


S5 - FULL TPC  
CABLES NO



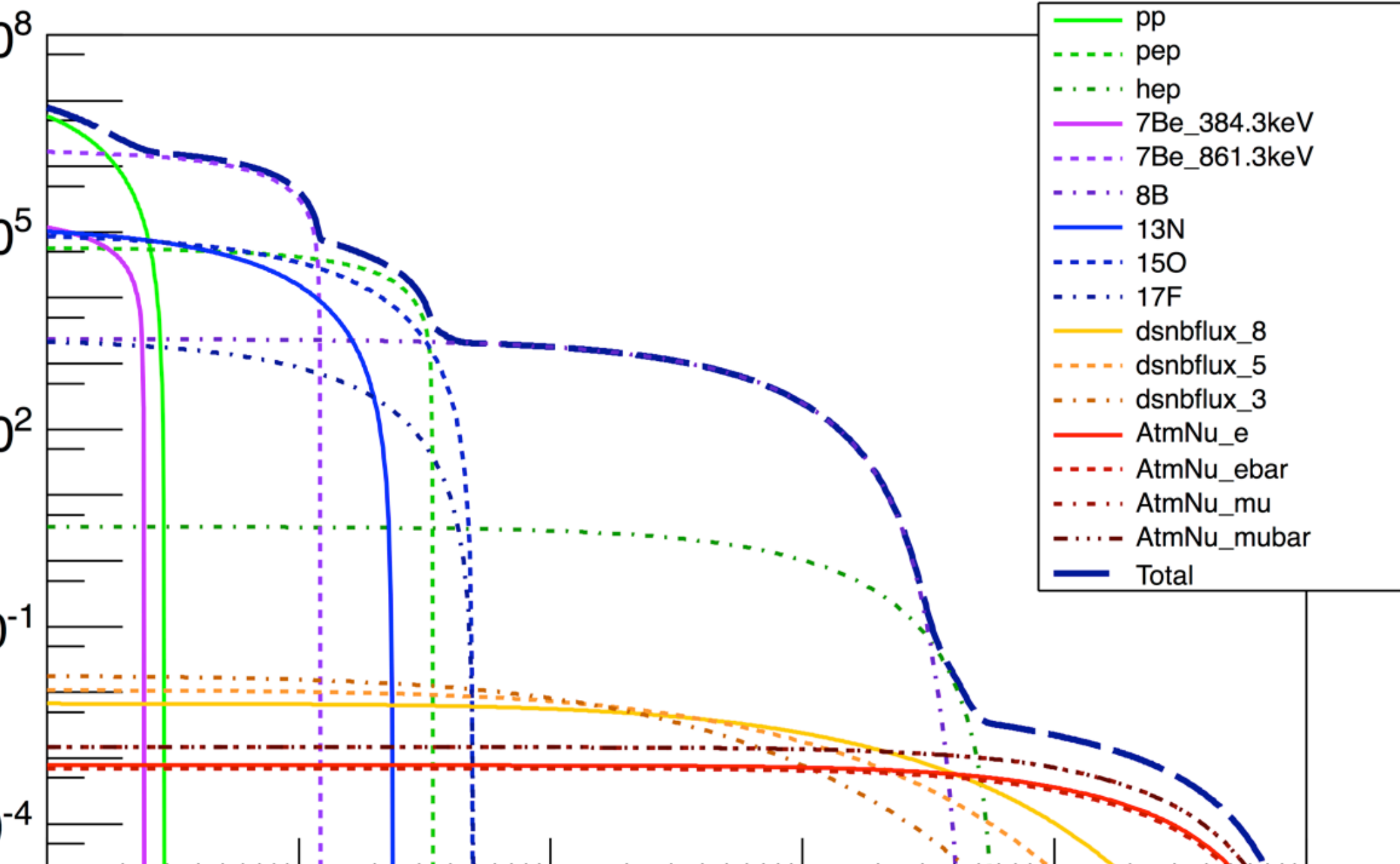


# Sensitivity with Competition

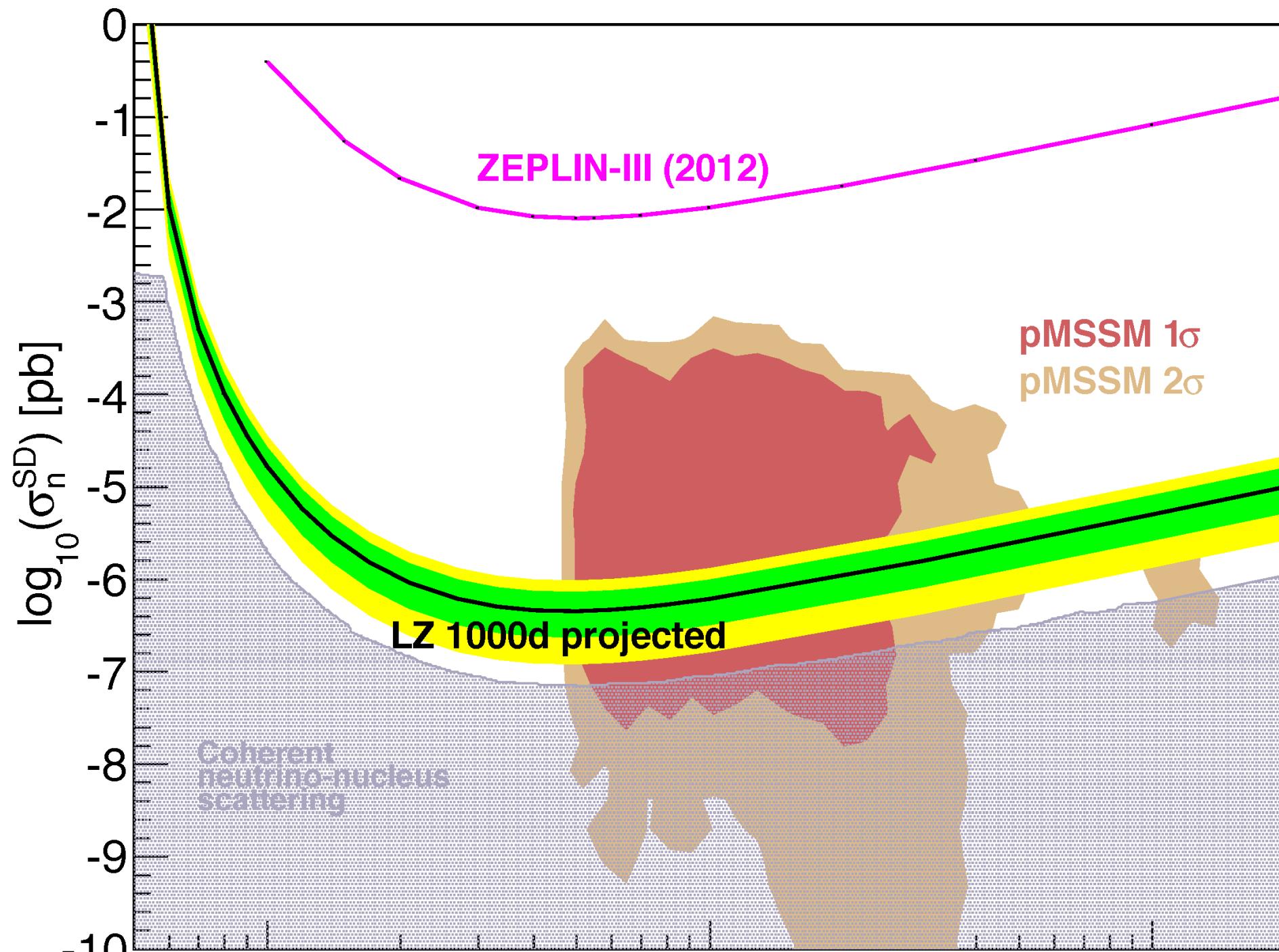




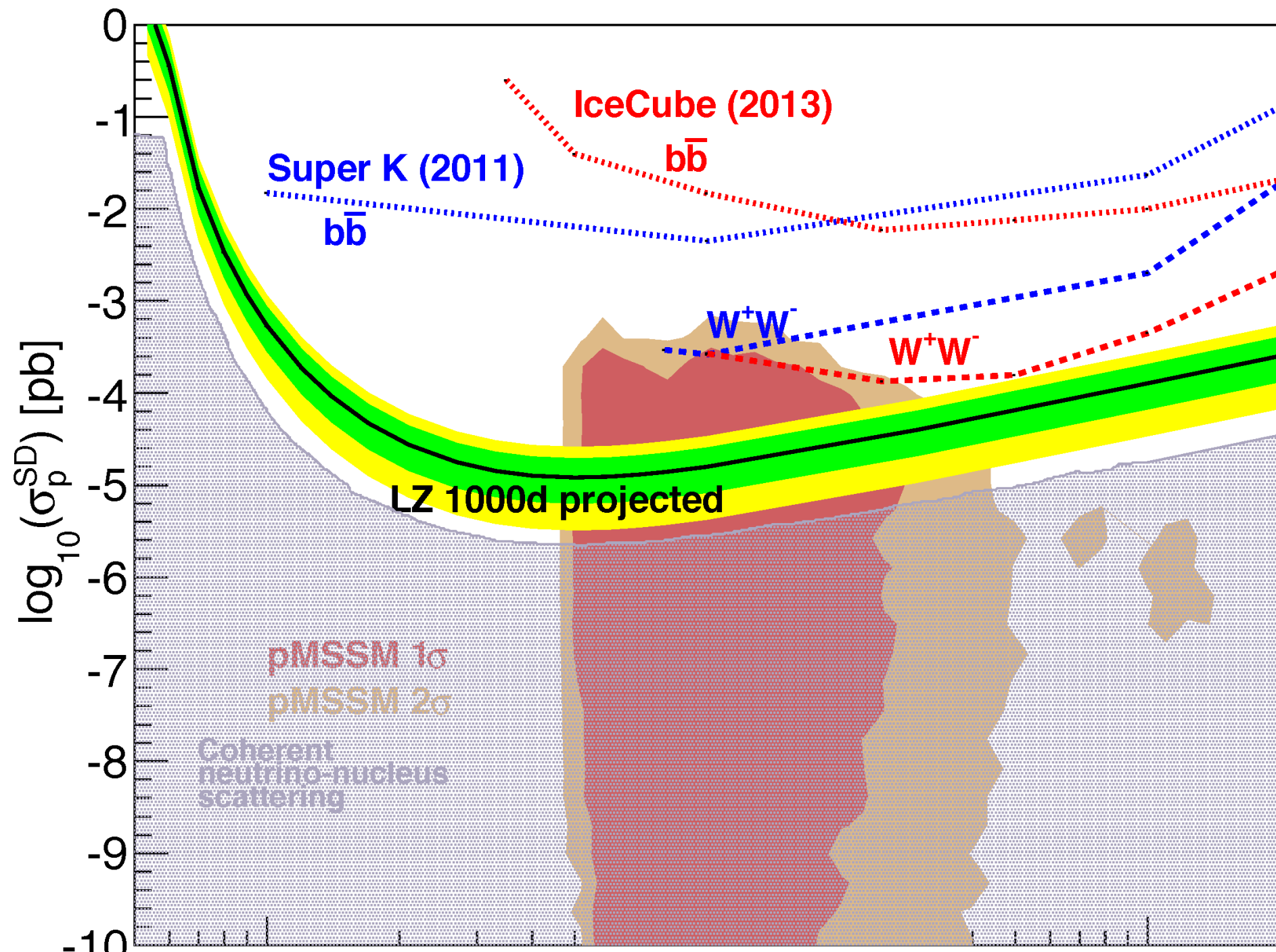
# Response of Xe to Neutrinos arXiv:1307:5458



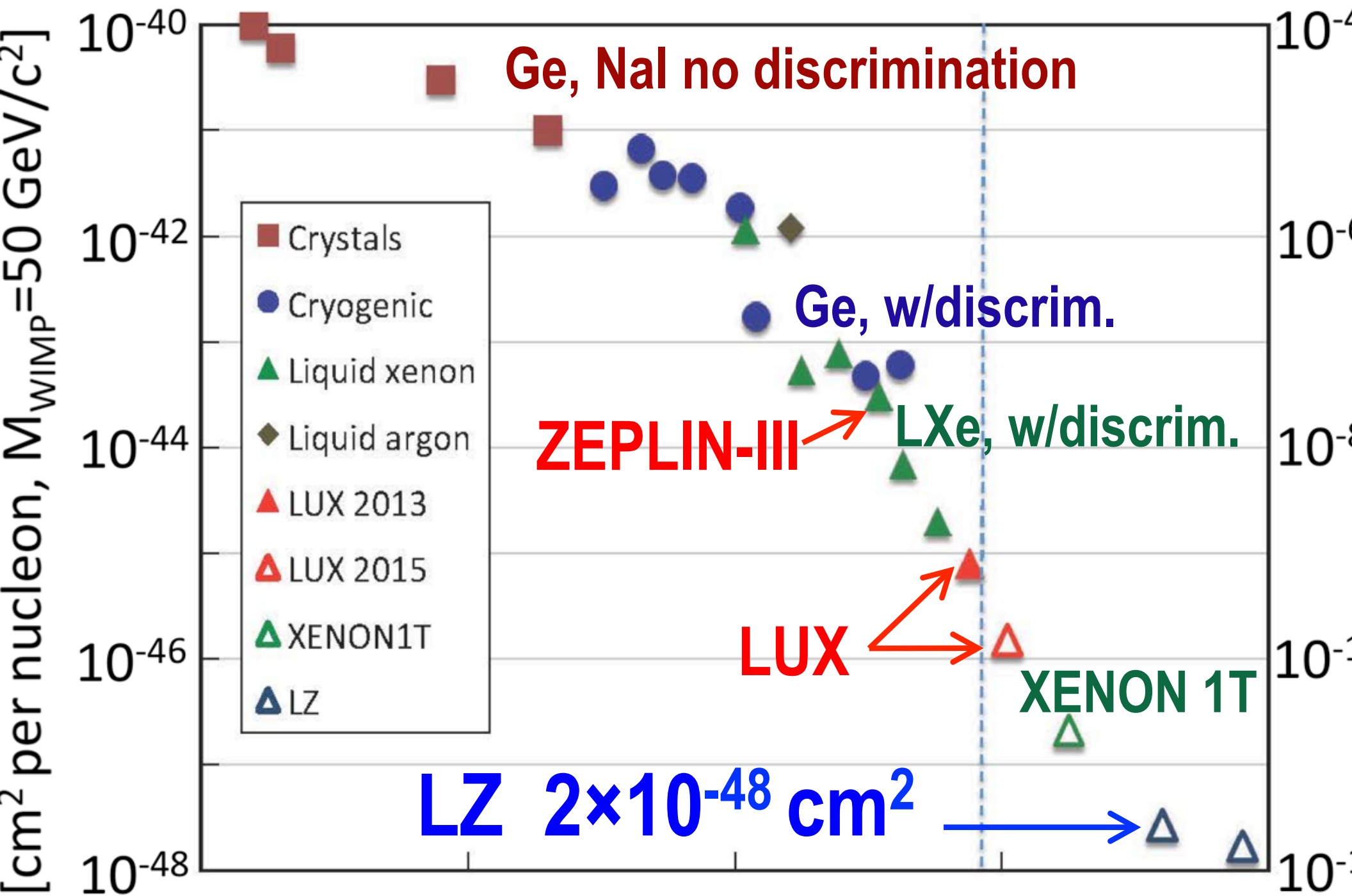
# Spin Dependent Neutron



# Spin Dependent Proton



# Time Evolution





# Running Time

sensitivity vs. running  
time.

1000 days is the nominal.

baseline backgrounds

rapid improvement in

sensitivity

potential to eventually get

$\sim 1 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$

